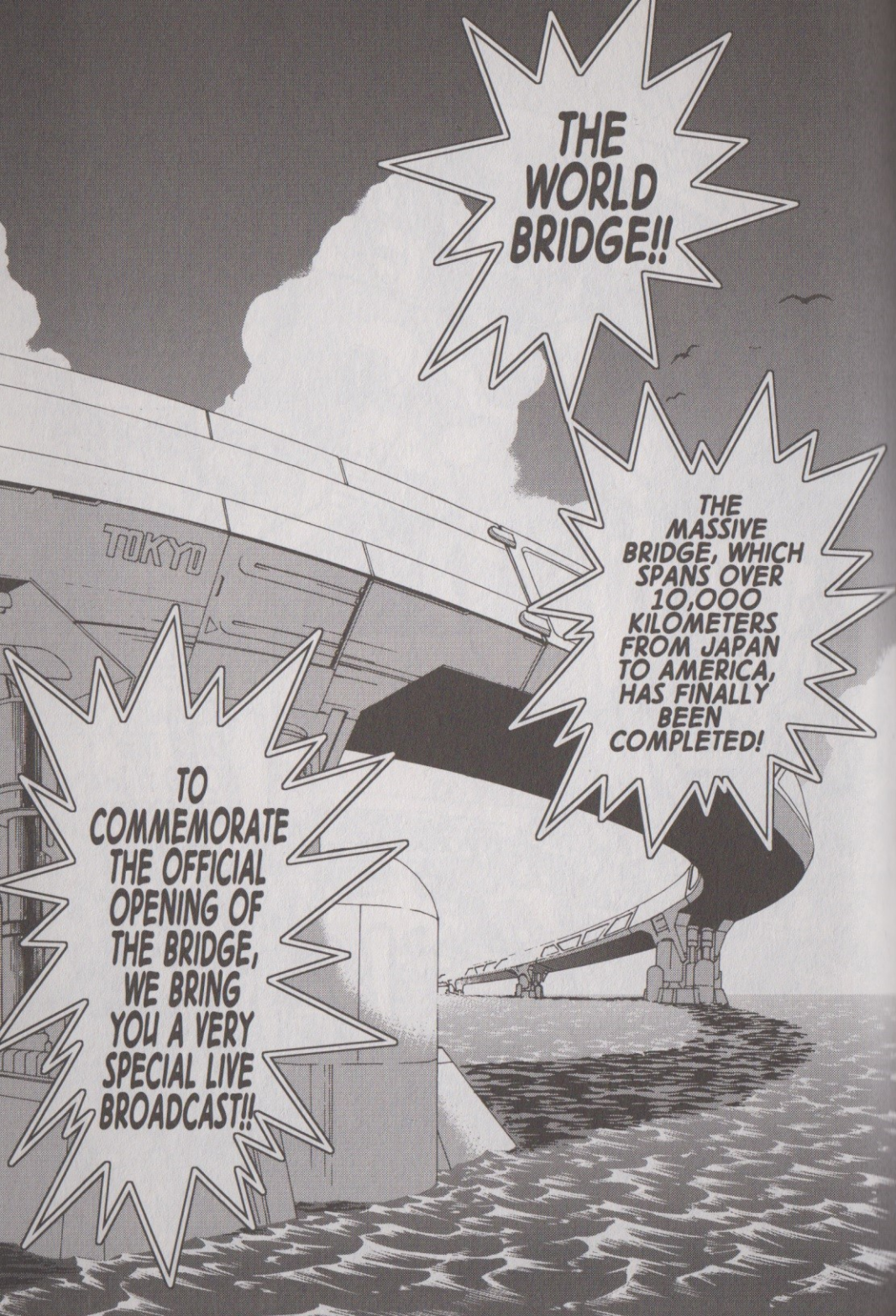




**THE
WORLD
BRIDGE!!**

**THE
MASSIVE
BRIDGE, WHICH
SPANS OVER
10,000
KILOMETERS
FROM JAPAN
TO AMERICA,
HAS FINALLY
BEEN
COMPLETED!**

**TO
COMMEMORATE
THE OFFICIAL
OPENING OF
THE BRIDGE,
WE BRING
YOU A VERY
SPECIAL LIVE
BROADCAST!!**

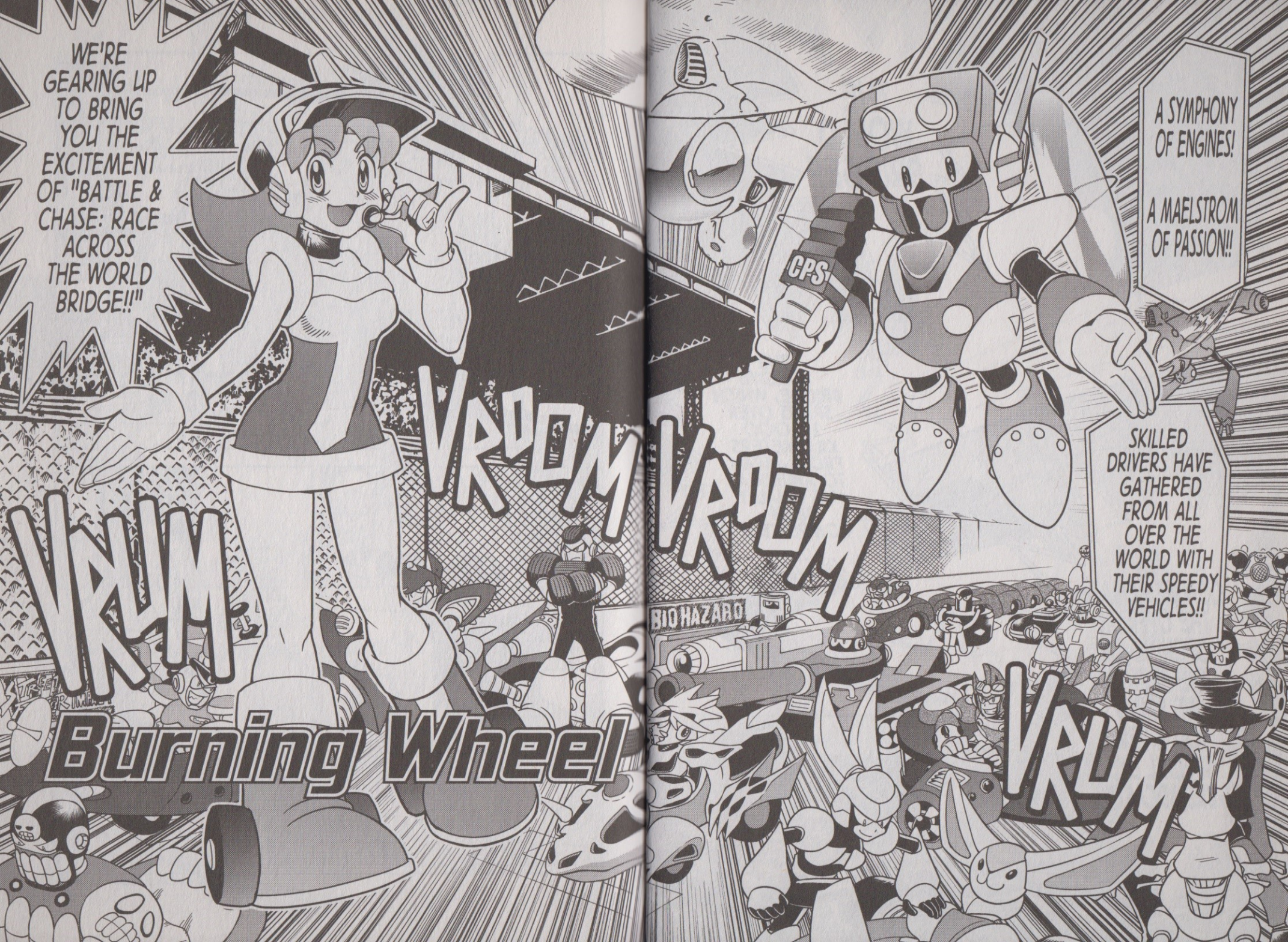
WE'RE
GEARING UP
TO BRING
YOU THE
EXCITEMENT
OF "BATTLE &
CHASE: RACE
ACROSS
THE WORLD
BRIDGE!!!"

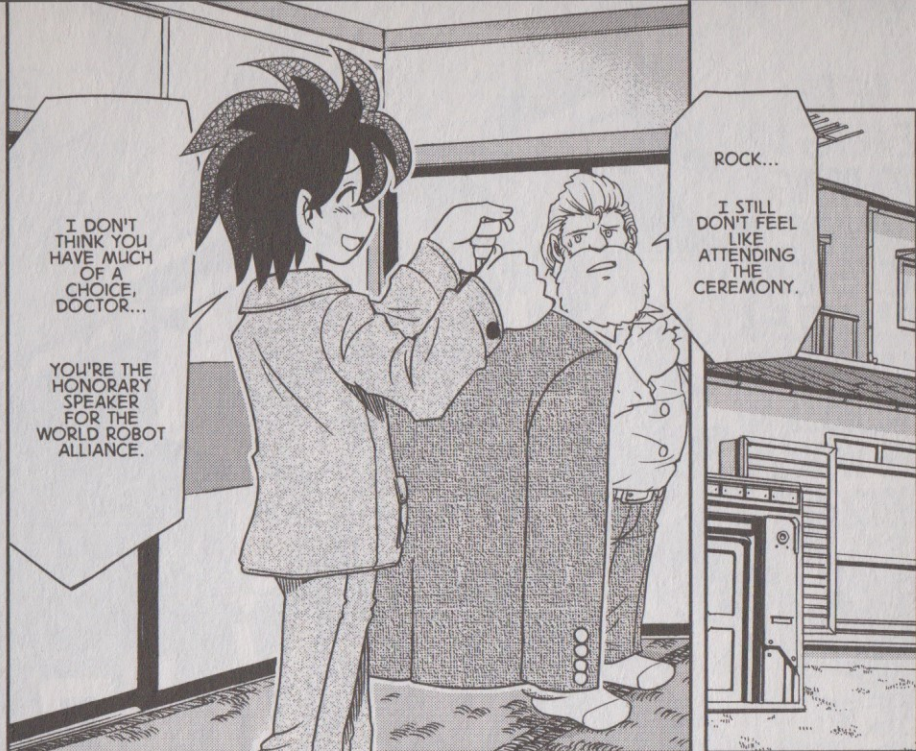
VRUM VRUM
Burning Wheel

A SYMPHONY
OF ENGINES!

A MAELSTROM
OF PASSION!!

SKILLED
DRIVERS HAVE
GATHERED
FROM ALL
OVER THE
WORLD WITH
THEIR SPEEDY
VEHICLES!!





I DON'T
THINK YOU
HAVE MUCH
OF A
CHOICE,
DOCTOR...

YOU'RE THE
HONORARY
SPEAKER
FOR THE
WORLD ROBOT
ALLIANCE.

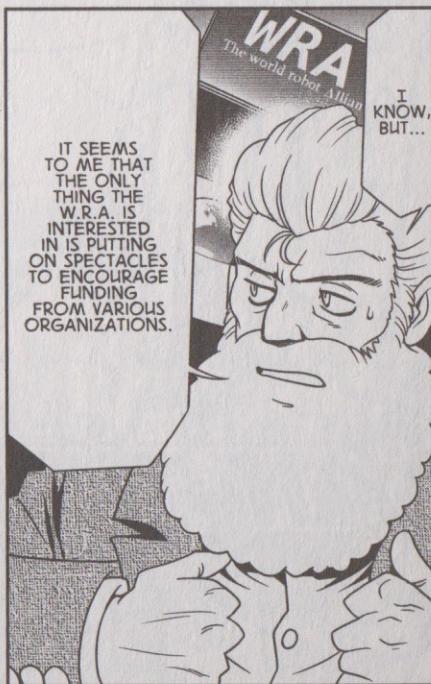
ROCK...

I STILL
DON'T FEEL
LIKE
ATTENDING
THE
CEREMONY.



I
SUPPOSE
THAT'S
TRUE.

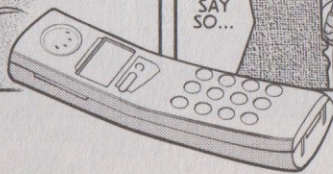
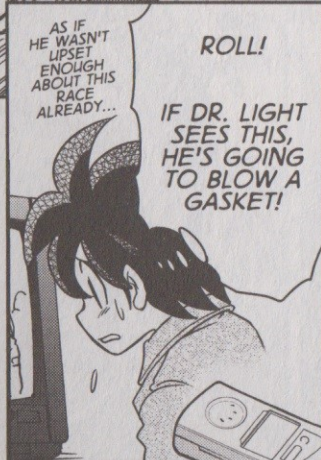
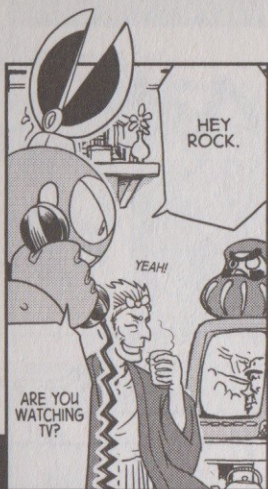
AT LEAST
A RACE
IS MORE
PEACEFUL
IN NATURE
THAN THE
BATTLE
TOURNAMENT
THEY HELD
BEFORE.

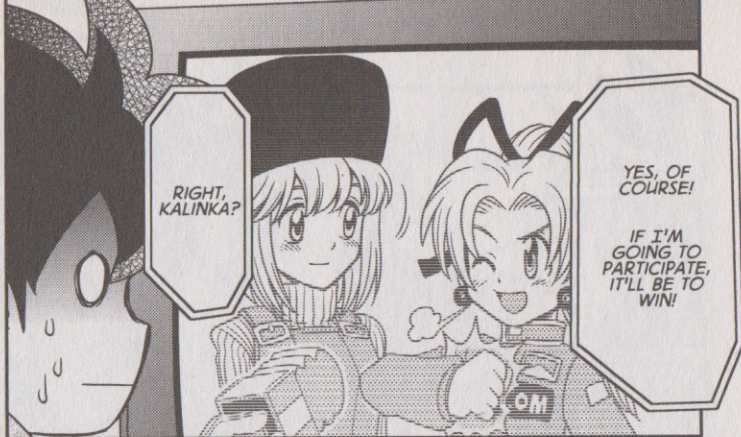


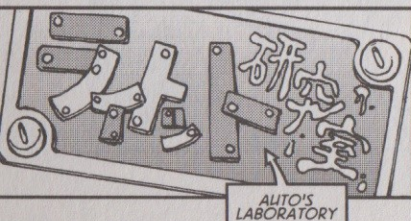
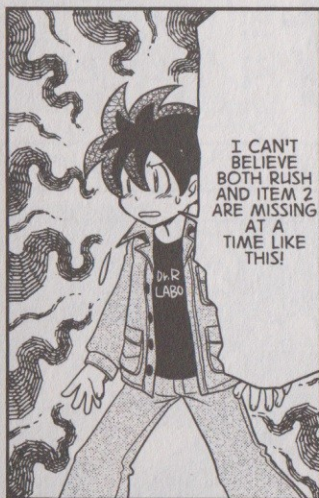
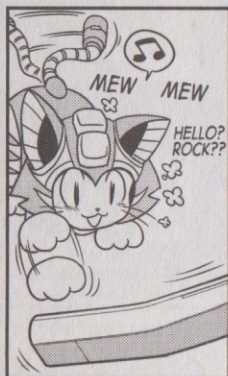
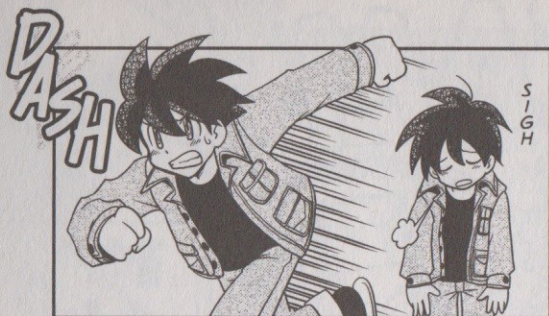
IT SEEMS
TO ME THAT
THE ONLY
THING THE
W.R.A. IS
INTERESTED
IN IS PUTTING
ON SPECTACLES
TO ENCOURAGE
FUNDING
FROM VARIOUS
ORGANIZATIONS.

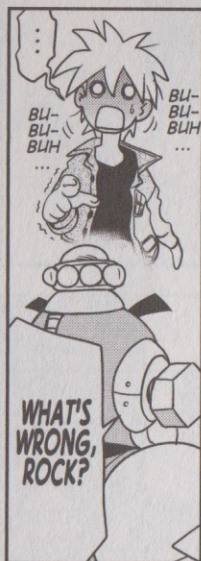
I
KNOW,
BUT...

*WRA = WORLD ROBOT ALLIANCE

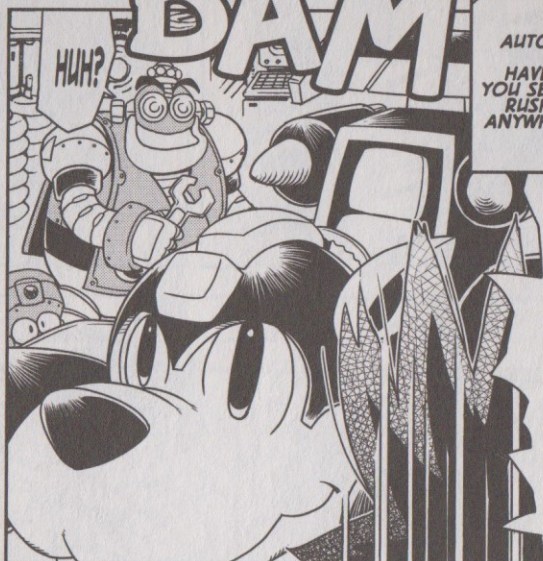








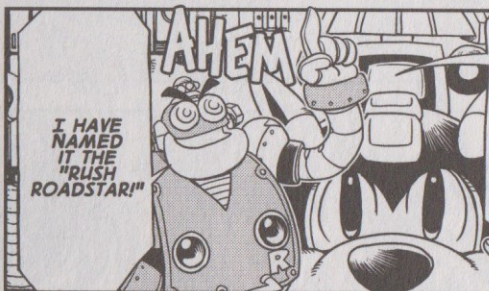
WHAT'S
WRONG,
ROCK?



AUTO!
HAVE
YOU SEEN
RUSH
ANYWH--



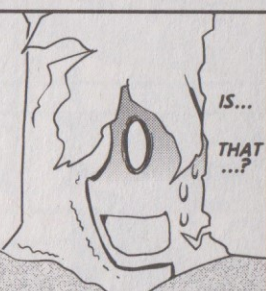
W
H
A
A
A
!?



I HAVE
NAMED
IT THE
"RUSH
ROADSTAR!"

OH, THIS?

IT'S THE
SUPER
AMAZING
CAR
I BUILT
FOR THE
RACE!

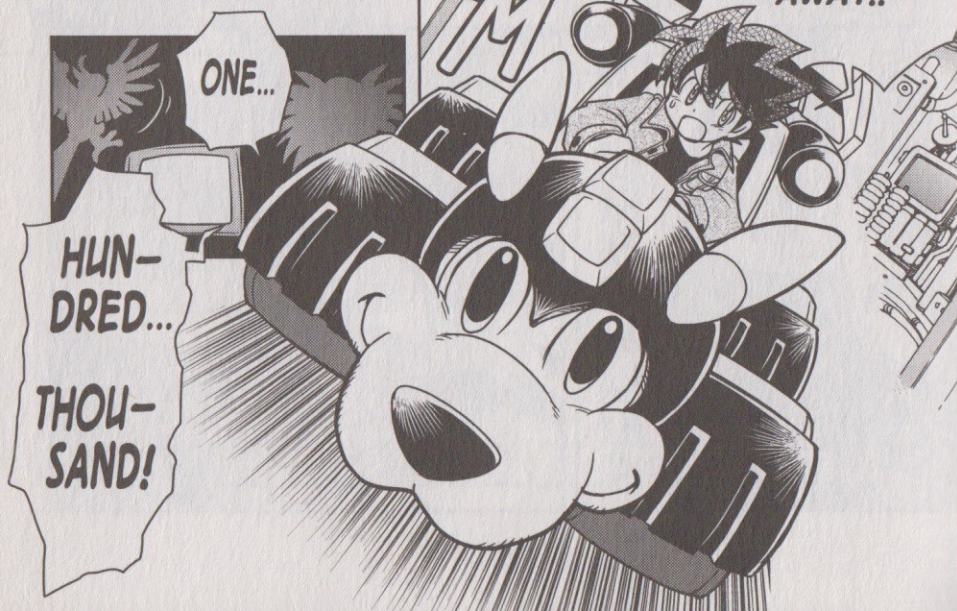
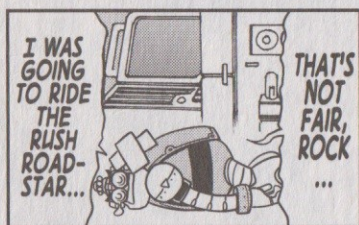
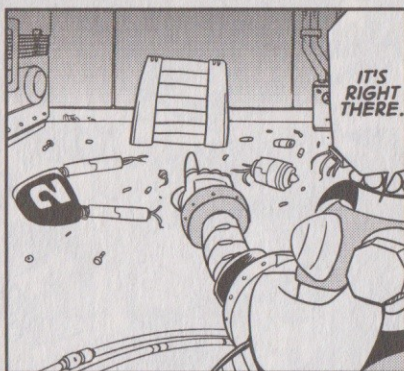


YOU
GUESSED IT!
I USED
THE RUSH
JET AS THE
BASE OF MY
DESIGN!!
IT WAS HARDER
THAN YOU
MIGHT THINK;
RUSH KEPT
RESISTING ME
FOR SOME
REASON...

DON'T
TELL
ME...



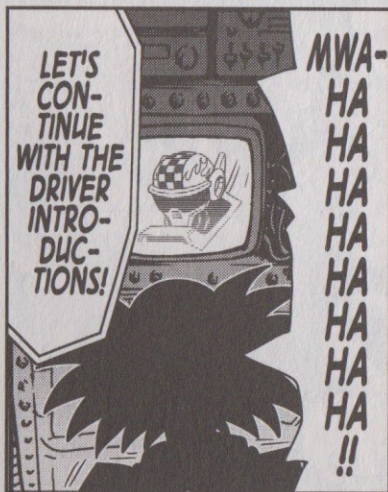
R
U
S
H
:
!
?

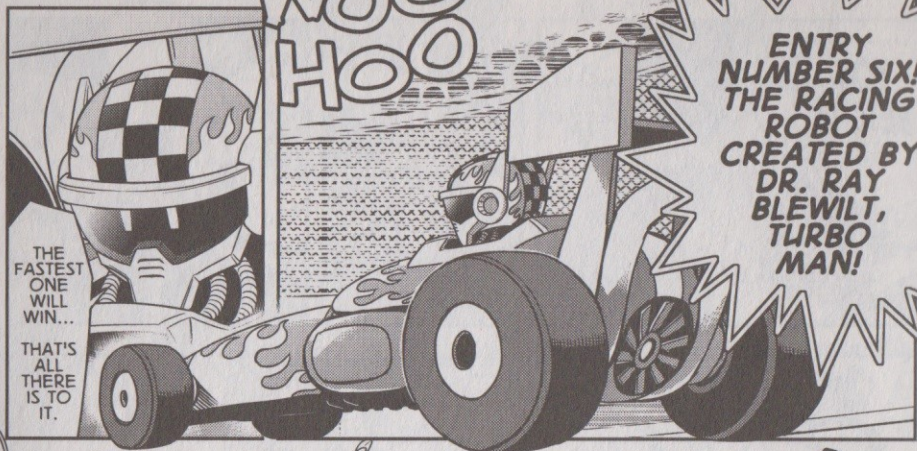




DON'T
WASTE TIME
WORRYING
ABOUT THINGS
THAT ARE
BEYOND
YOU.

JUST MAKE
SURE YOU
CARRY OUT
THE ORDERS
I GAVE
YOU.



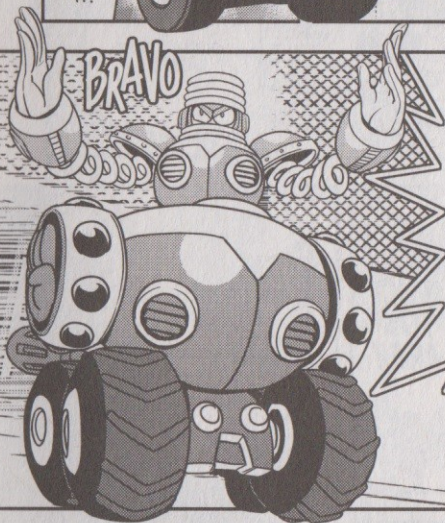


THE FASTEST ONE WILL WIN...

THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.

Woo Hoo

ENTRY NUMBER SIX!
THE RACING
ROBOT
CREATED BY
DR. RAY
BLEWILT,
TURBO
MAN!



Bravo

NEXT UP,
WE HAVE
ANOTHER
ENTRY FROM
DR. BLEWILT!
INTRODUCING
SPRING MAN,
RIDING THE
"SURPRISE
BOXER!!!"

Woo Hoo



Woo Hoo



PROMISE ME YOU WON'T BREAK BEAT BY PUSHING HIM TOO HARD.

I'M WORRIED

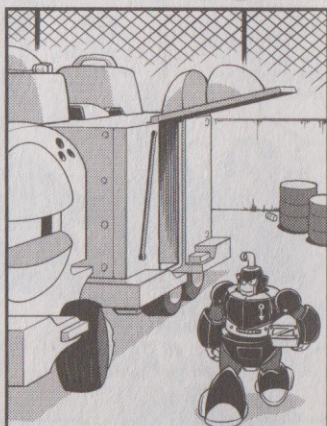


YOU THINK?

HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH TO ME.

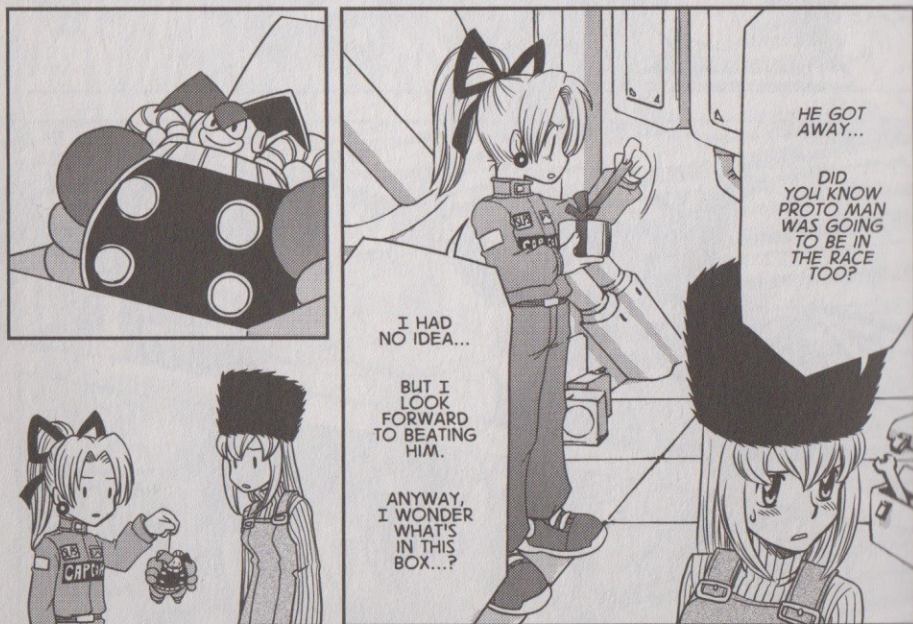
NOTHING STANDS A CHANCE AGAINST OUR "POP'N BEAT!"

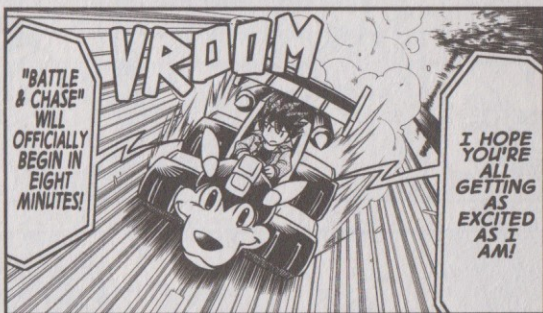
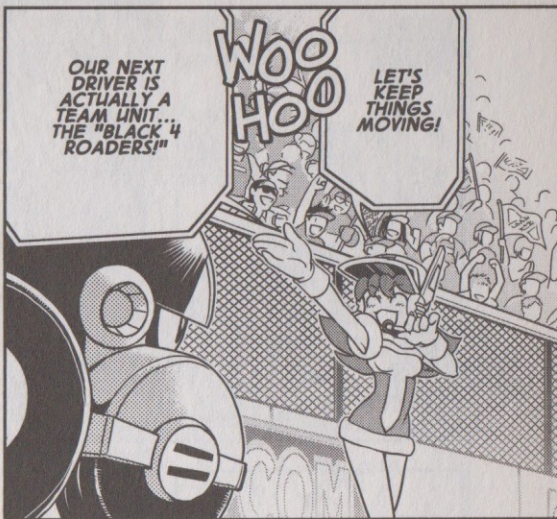
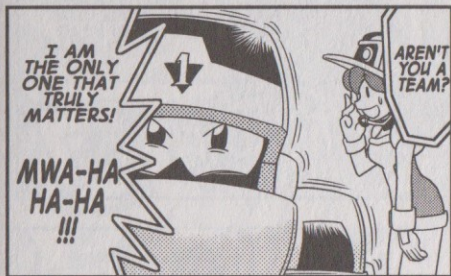
TURBO MAN LOOKS FAST...

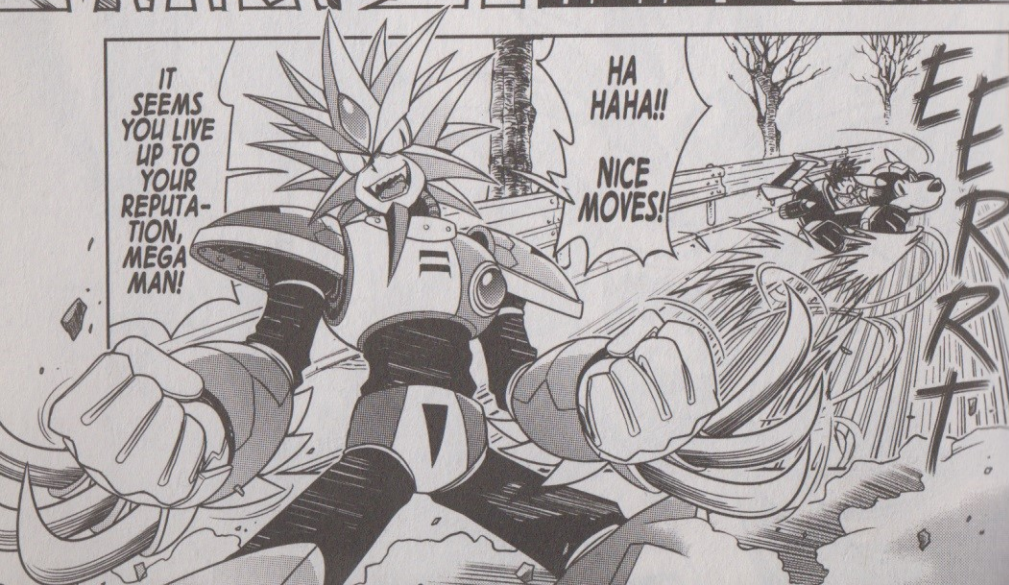
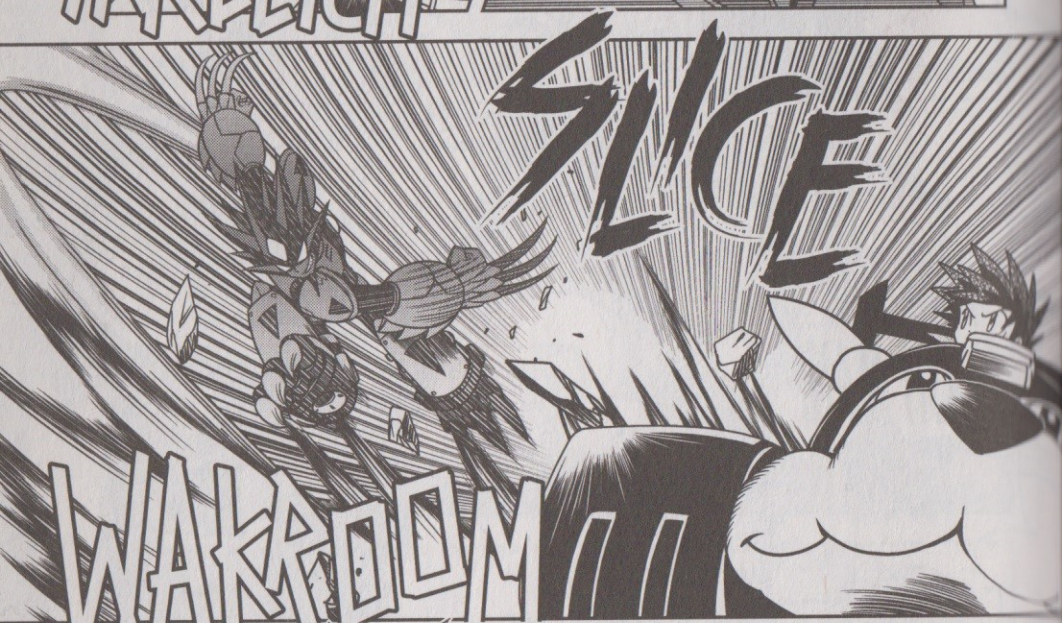
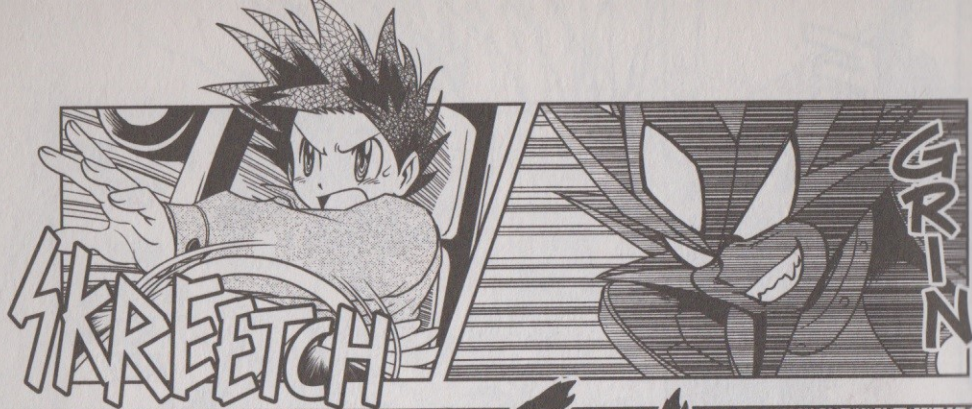




*SEE "THE GREATEST ENEMY IN HISTORY" IN "MEGA MAN MIX VOL. 3" FOR DETAILS

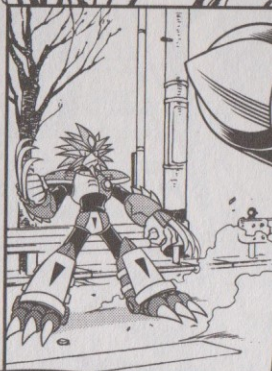








THERE'S
NO NEED
TO GET
EXCITED,
SIR.



WHO ARE
YOU?

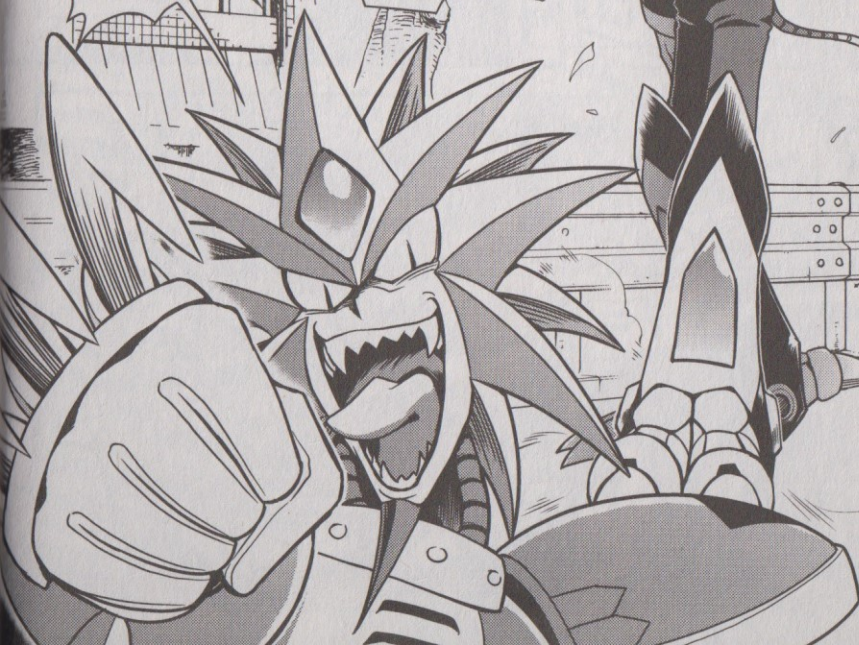
WHY
ARE YOU
ATTACKING
ME!?

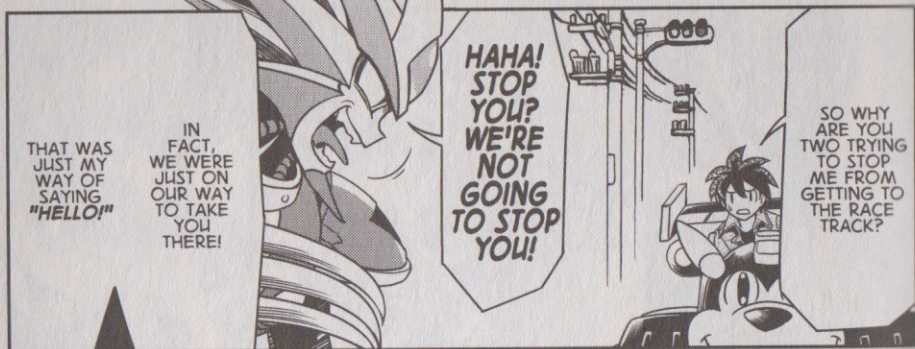
AND I'M
SLASH MAN!
YEAH!!

I AM
CERTAIN
WE WILL
NOT BE
ACQUAIN-
TANCE.
THOUGH...
FOR VERY
LONG.

MY NAME
IS SHADE
MAN. IT IS
A PLEASURE
TO MAKE
YOUR ACQUAIN-
TANCE.
THOUGH...

PLEASE
ALLOW
ME TO
INTRODUCE
MYSELF...





THAT WAS
JUST MY
WAY OF
SAYING
"HELLO!"

IN
FACT,
WE WERE
JUST ON
OUR WAY
TO TAKE
YOU
THERE!

**HAHA!
STOP
YOU?
WE'RE
NOT
GOING
TO STOP
YOU!**

SO WHY
ARE YOU
TWO TRYING
TO STOP
ME FROM
GETTING TO
THE RACE
TRACK?



**WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!**



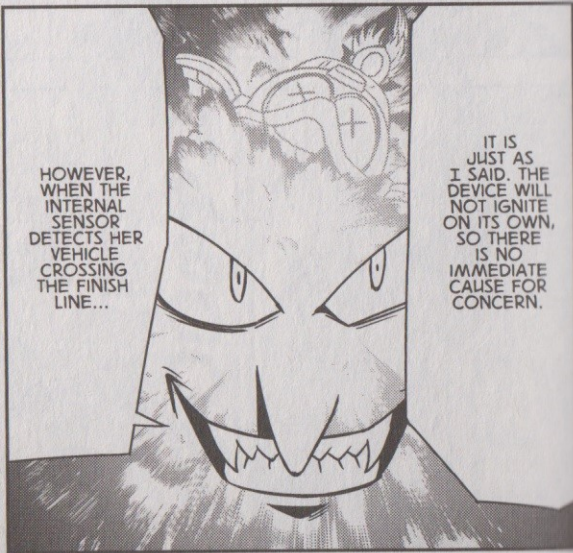
WE HAVE
PLANTED AN
EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE ON
THE VEHICLE
OF THE
YOUNG LADY
WHOM YOU
HOLD MOST
DEAR.

PLEASE
LISTEN
WELL, FOR
I WILL
ONLY SAY
THIS ONCE.



**WHY
WOULD
YOU...
!?**

NO...



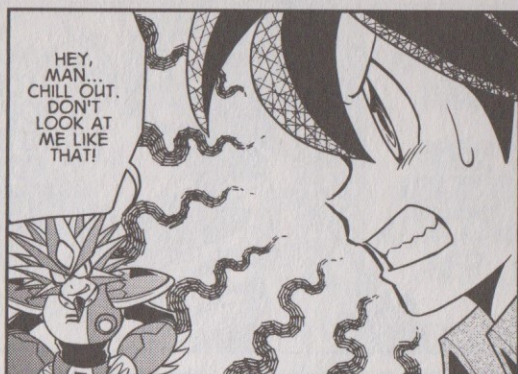
HOWEVER,
WHEN THE
INTERNAL
SENSOR
DETECTS HER
VEHICLE
CROSSING
THE FINISH
LINE...

IT IS
JUST AS
I SAID. THE
DEVICE WILL
NOT IGNITE
ON ITS OWN,
SO THERE
IS NO
IMMEDIATE
CAUSE FOR
CONCERN.



YOU
MUST
PARTICI-
PATE IN
"BATTLE &
CHASE."

THERE
IS A WAY
FOR YOU
TO SAVE
HER LIFE,
IF YOU
FEEL SO
INCLINED.



HEY,
MAN...
CHILL OUT.
DON'T
LOOK AT
ME LIKE
THAT!



FAIR?

YOU CALL
THREATS
AND
BOMBS
FAIR...?



WHAT?

IT WOULD
BE A VERY
SIMPLE TASK
FOR US TO
DETONATE
THE
EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE
REMOTELTY,
AT ANY
GIVEN
MOMENT.

IT IS OUR
MASTER'S
WISH,
HOWEVER,
TO FACE
YOU ON THE
TRACK...

HE WISHES
TO DEFEAT
YOU IN A
FAIR TEST
OF SKILL.



FINE...

I'LL
DO IT...

CLENCH



KABOOM!!

SHOULD
YOU LOSE,
OR SHOULD
YOU MAKE
THE UNWISE
DECISION TO
REVEAL OUR
CONVERSA-
TION TO
ANYONE...

YOU
NEED
ONLY TO
WIN THE
RACE,
AND NO
ONE
WILL GET
HURT.



Heh
Heh
Heh

BUT OF
COURSE.

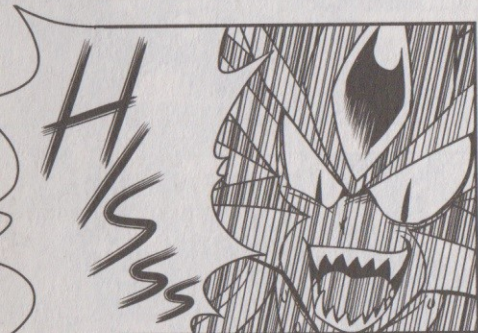
SEEING AN
INNOCENT GIRL
GETTING BLOWN
TO BITS FOR NO
REASON WOULD
OFFEND MY
DELICATE
SENSIBILITIES.



I'LL
ENTER
THE
RACE...

YOU'D
BETTER
KEEP
YOUR END
OF THE
BARGAIN!

AND
I'LL
WIN!!



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K
SS



KROOM

!!



WAIT...!

TELL
ME WHO
YOUR
MASTER
IS!!

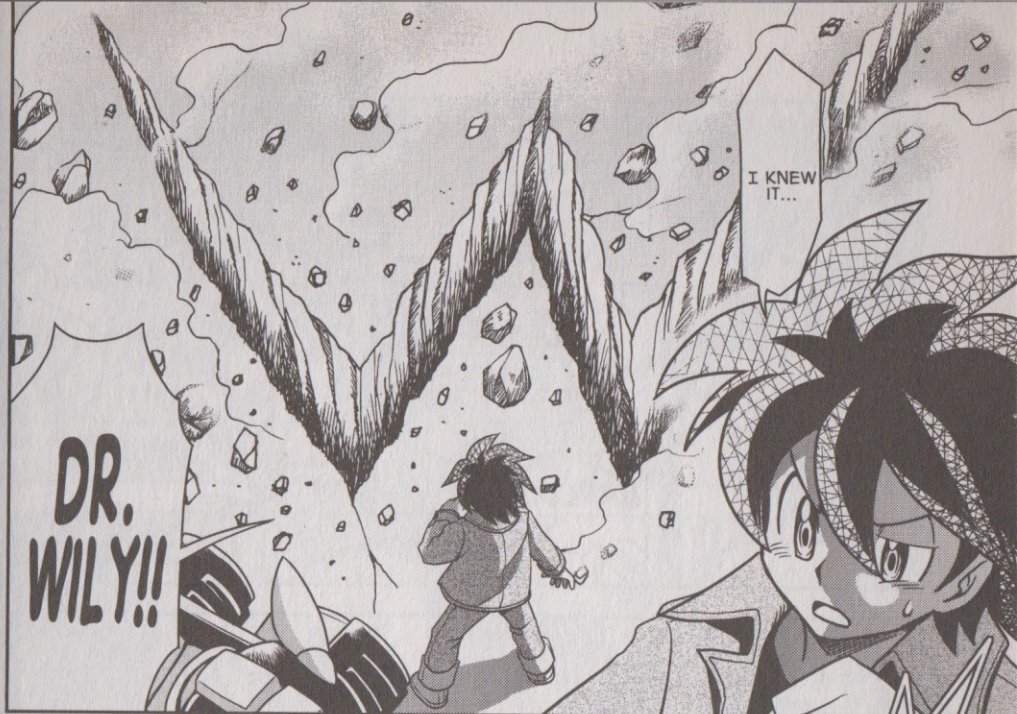


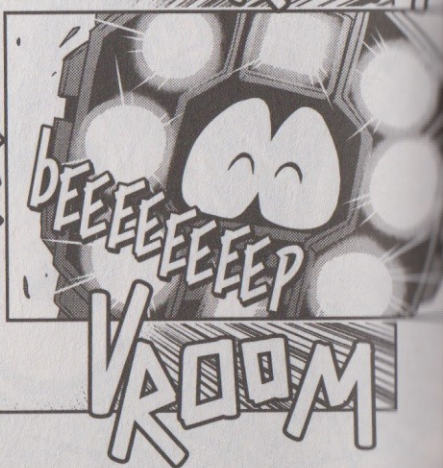
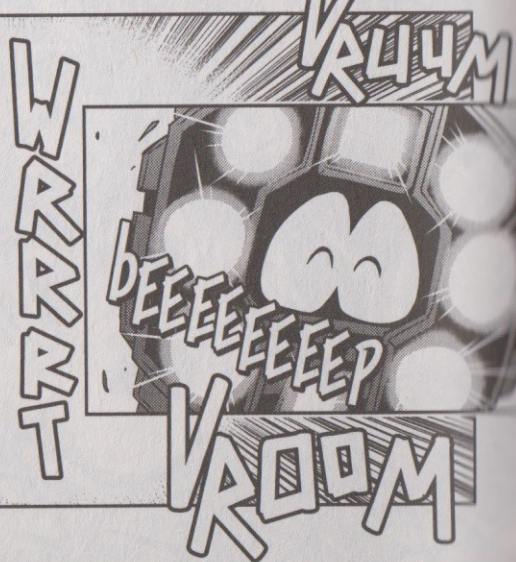
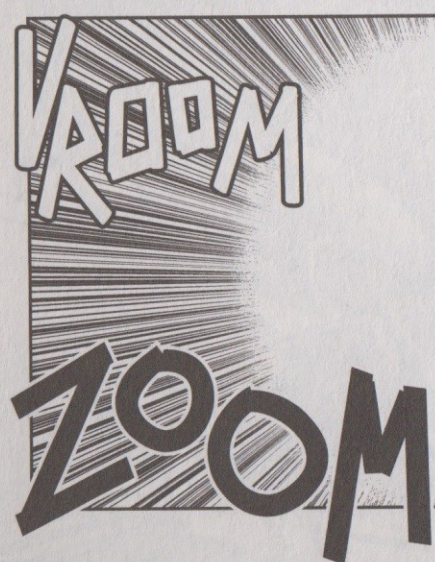
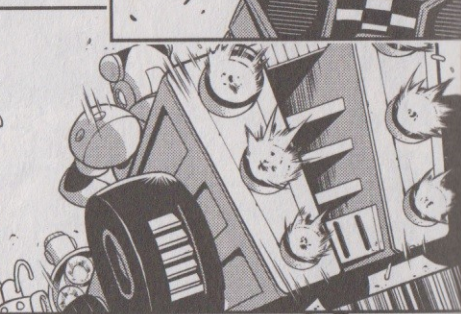
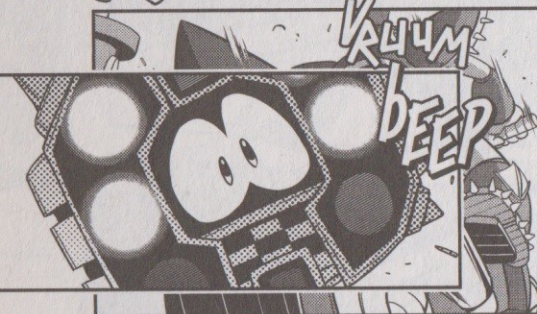
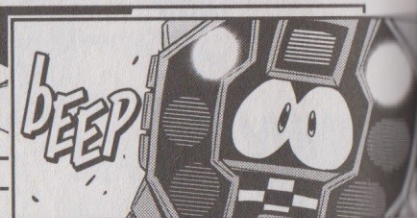
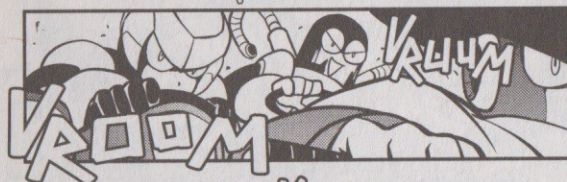
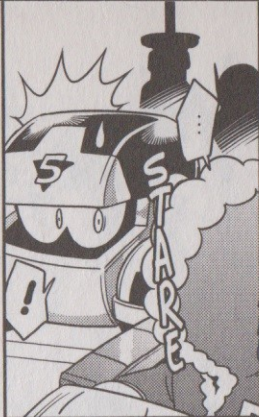
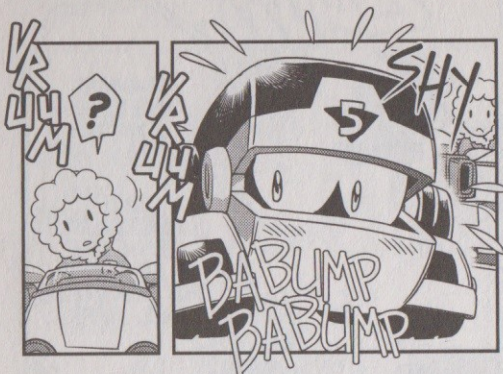
FLAP

FARE-
WELL,
FOR
NOW...

FLAP

HEE-
HEE.





VROOM

ZUM

AAAAND
THEY'RE
OFF!

WAIT...

!?

WHAT'S
THIS!?
IT'S...

THE
MASS OF
VEHICLES
IS LEAVING
THE STARTING
LINE, AND...

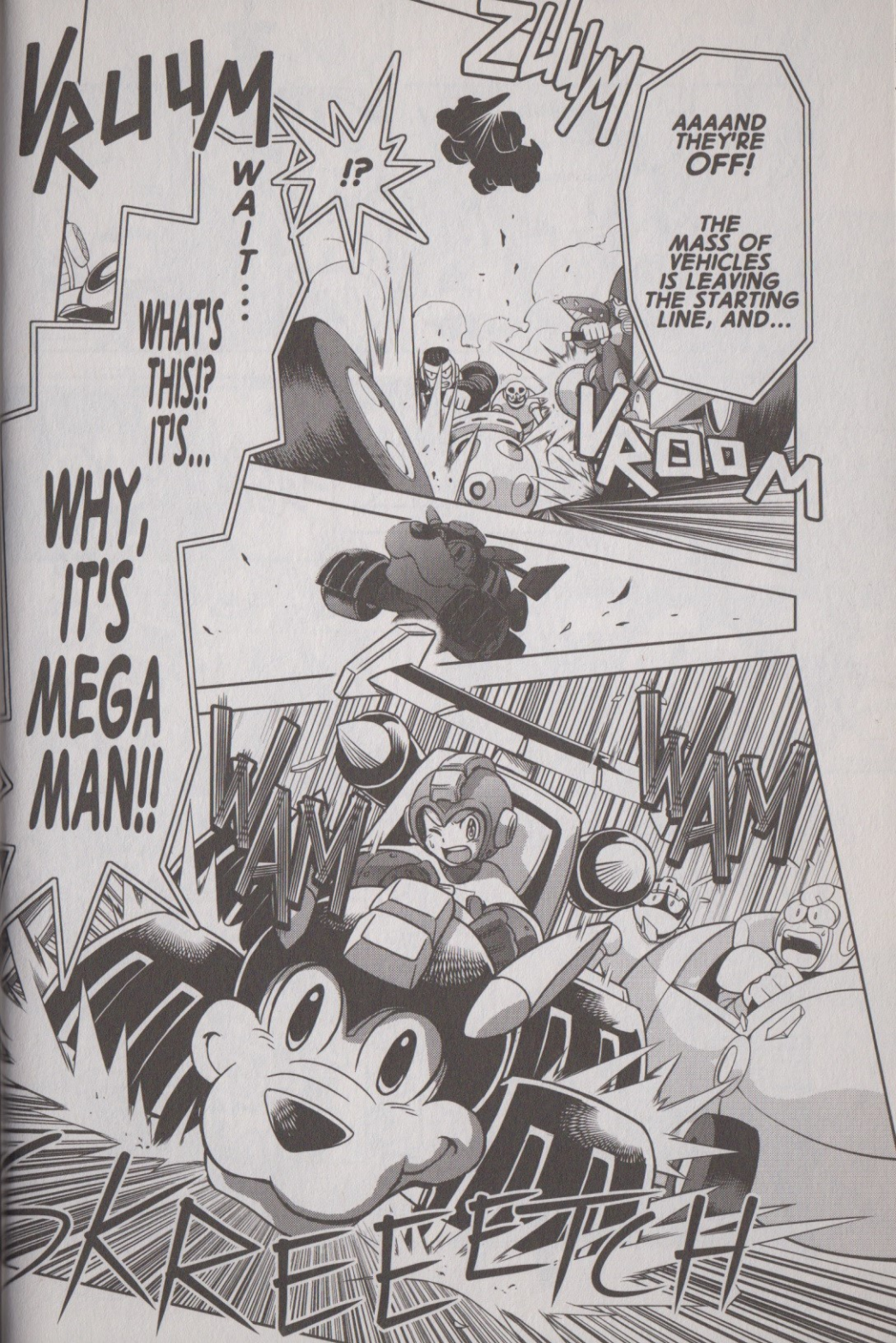
VROOM

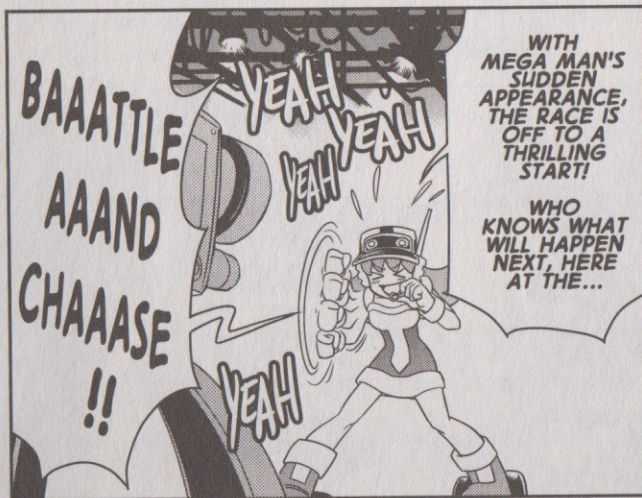
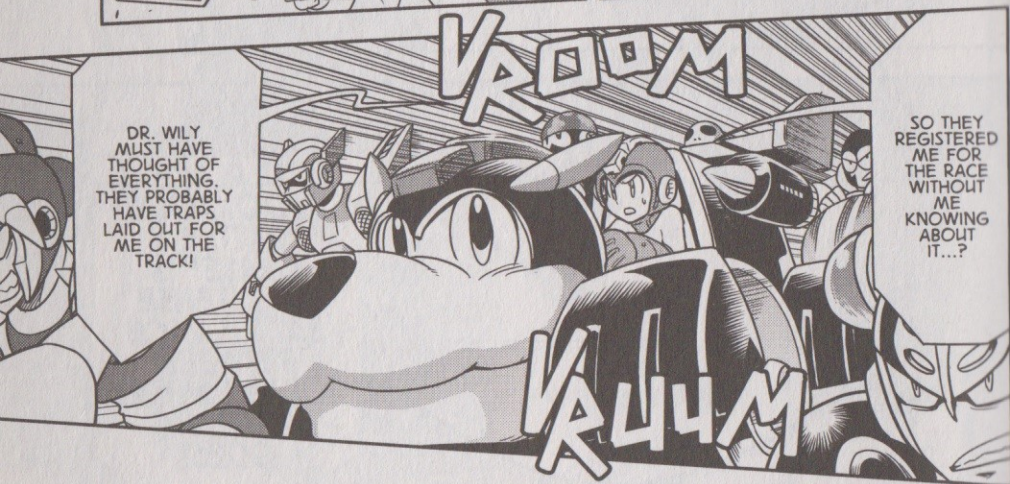
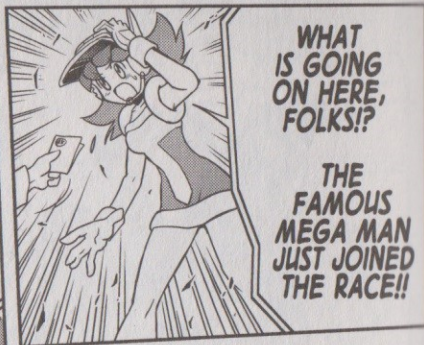
WHY,
IT'S
MEGA
MAN!!

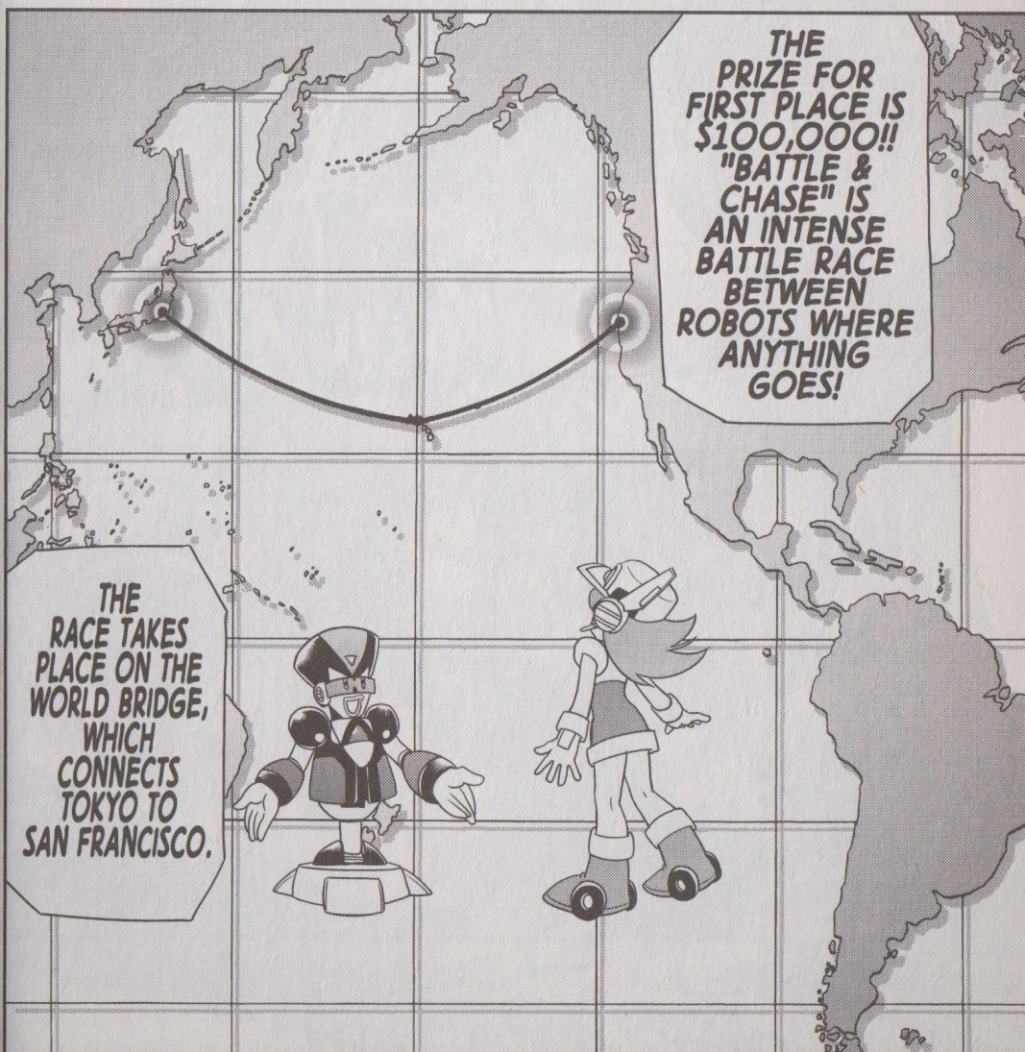
WAM

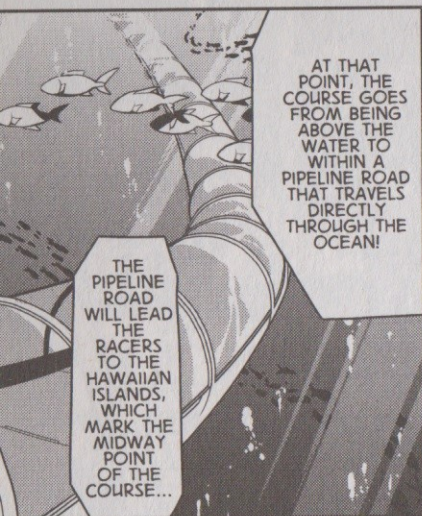
WAM

SKREEETCH



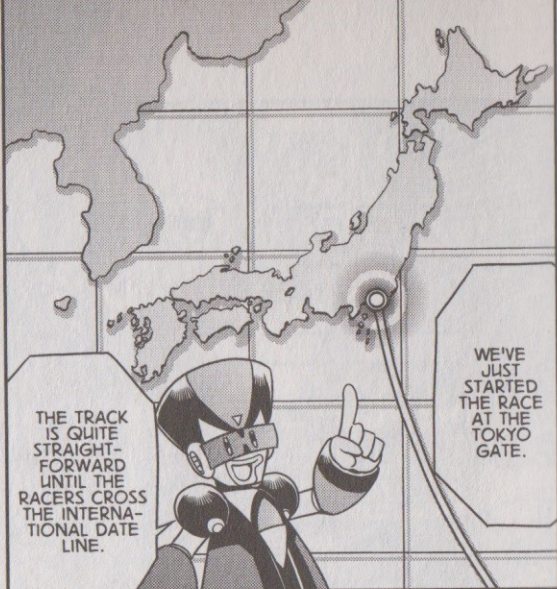






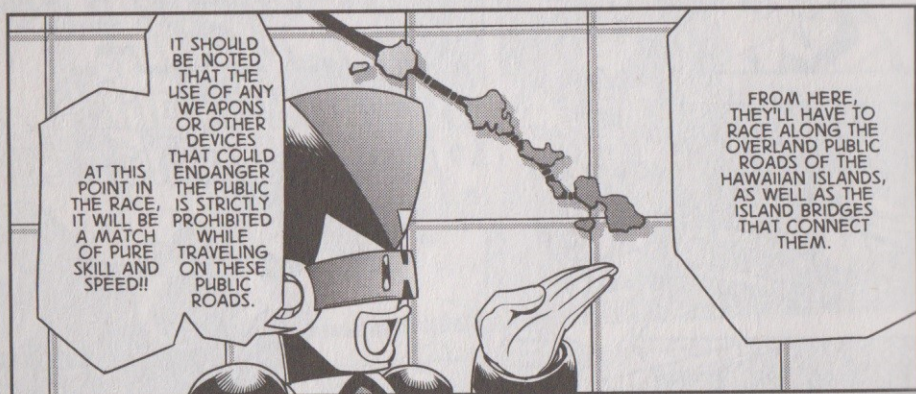
THE PIPELINE ROAD WILL LEAD THE RACERS TO THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, WHICH MARK THE MIDWAY POINT OF THE COURSE...

AT THAT POINT, THE COURSE GOES FROM BEING ABOVE THE WATER TO WITHIN A PIPELINE ROAD THAT TRAVELS DIRECTLY THROUGH THE OCEAN!



THE TRACK IS QUITE STRAIGHT-FORWARD UNTIL THE RACERS CROSS THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE.

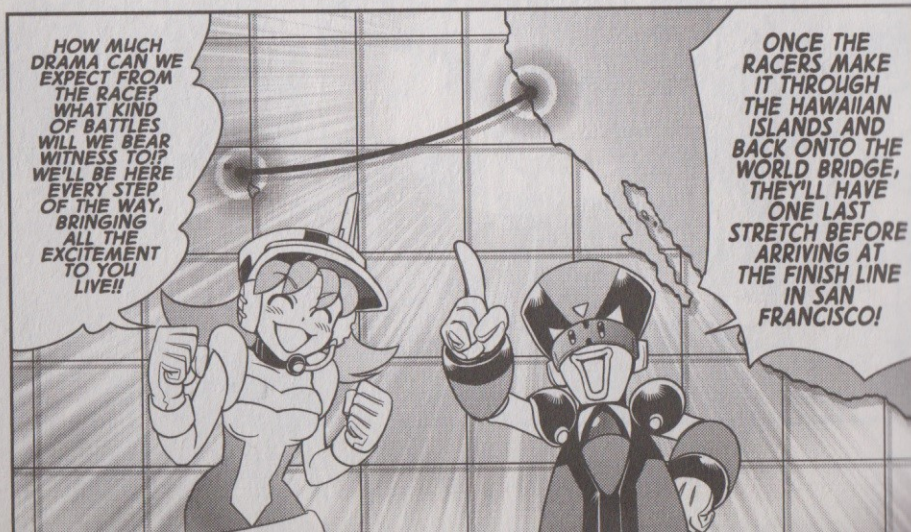
WE'VE JUST STARTED THE RACE AT THE TOKYO GATE.



AT THIS POINT IN THE RACE, IT WILL BE A MATCH OF PURE SKILL AND SPEED!!

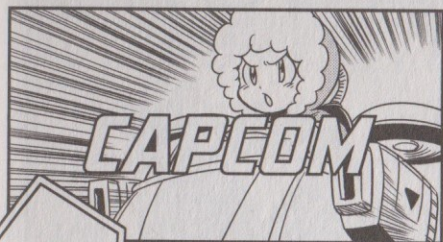
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE USE OF ANY WEAPONS OR OTHER DEVICES THAT COULD ENDANGER THE PUBLIC IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WHILE TRAVELING ON THESE PUBLIC ROADS.

FROM HERE, THEY'LL HAVE TO RACE ALONG THE OVERLAND PUBLIC ROADS OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, AS WELL AS THE ISLAND BRIDGES THAT CONNECT THEM.



HOW MUCH DRAMA CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE RACE? WHAT KIND OF BATTLES WILL WE BEAR WITNESS TO? WE'LL BE HERE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, BRINGING ALL THE EXCITEMENT TO YOU LIVE!!

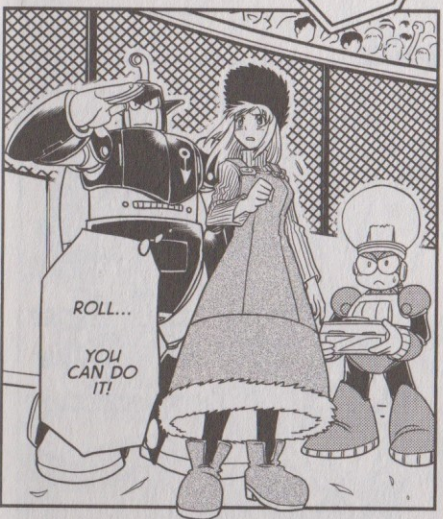
ONCE THE RACERS MAKE IT THROUGH THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AND BACK ONTO THE WORLD BRIDGE, THEY'LL HAVE ONE LAST STRETCH BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE FINISH LINE IN SAN FRANCISCO!



...THESE
OTHER
FINE
SPON-
SORS.



THE
RACE IS
BEING
BROADCAST
LIVE ON
CPS TV AND
ON 128
OTHER
NETWORKS,
ALL OVER
THE
WORLD!!



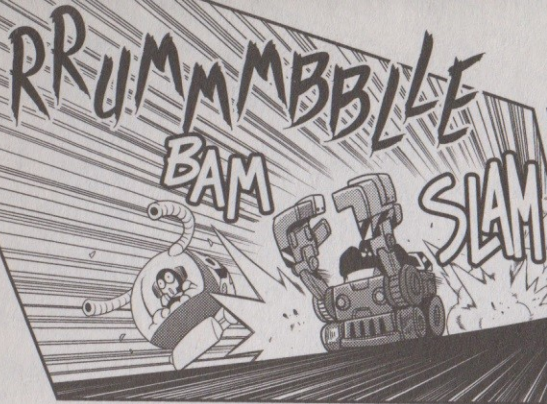
THIS
PROGRAM
IS BROUGHT
TO YOU BY
WRA: THE
WORLD
ROBOT
ALLIANCE,
AND...

VALUUM

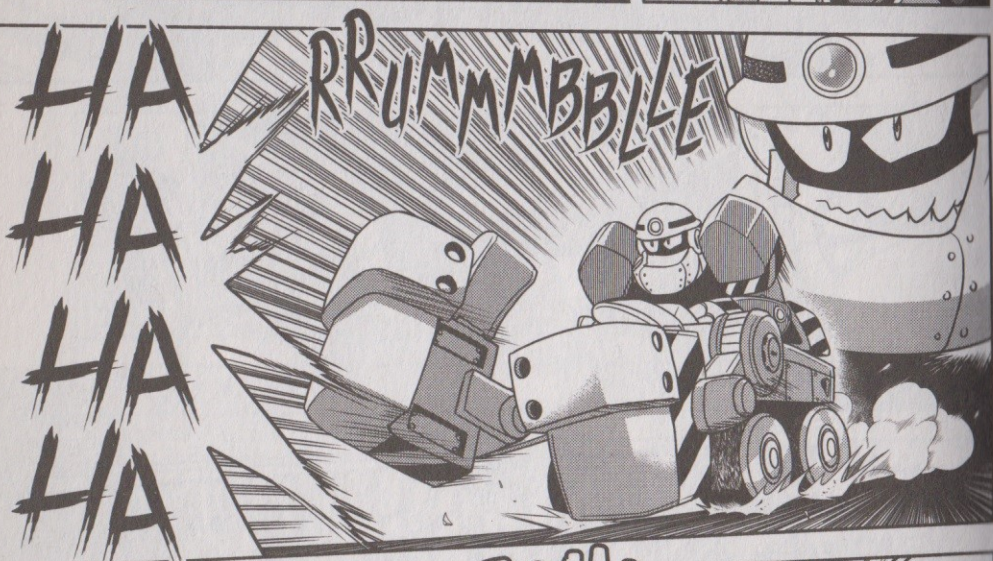
Sponsorship

WRA

The World
Robot Alliance



HEY, I SEE
ONE OF THE
RACERS
TEARING
THEIR WAY
UP FROM
THE REAR!



ROAR

I
HELPED
BUILD THIS
BRIDGE!

NOW
I'M
GOING
TO WIN
THE
RACE!!

SLAM

"WILD
ARMS!!!"

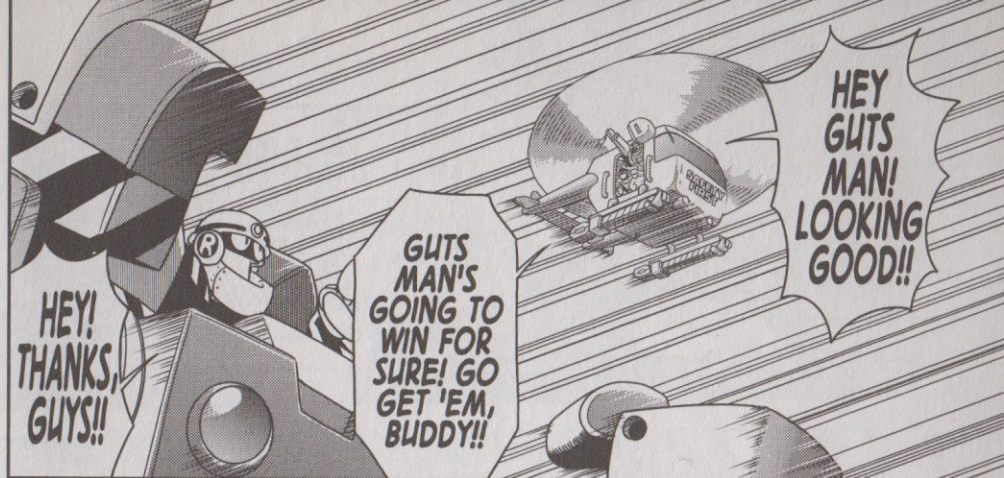
GET
OUT
OF MY
WAY!!

IT'S THE
POWER-
FUL
MACHINE
OPER-
ATED BY
GUTS
MAN...

GUTS
MAN!?

I DIDN'T
KNOW
YOU WERE
IN THE
RACE
TOO!





HEY!
THANKS,
GUYS!!

GUTS
MAN'S
GOING TO
WIN FOR
SURE! GO
GET 'EM,
BUDDY!!

HEY
GUTS
MAN!
LOOKING
GOOD!!



RARGH!!



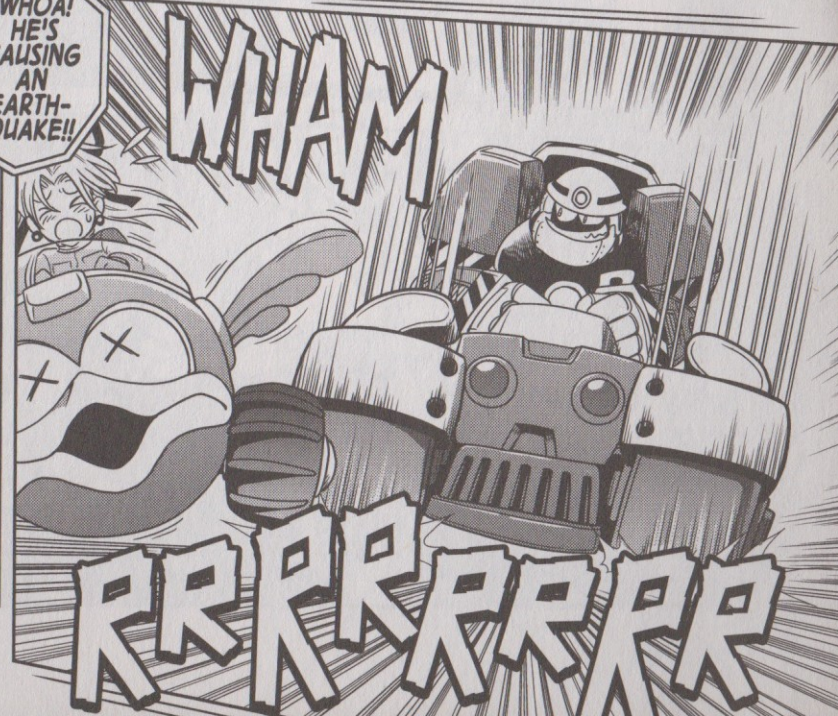
HAHAHA!!

THE
SPECTATORS
ON THAT
HELICOPTER
SEEM
QUITE
ENTHU-
SIASTIC...



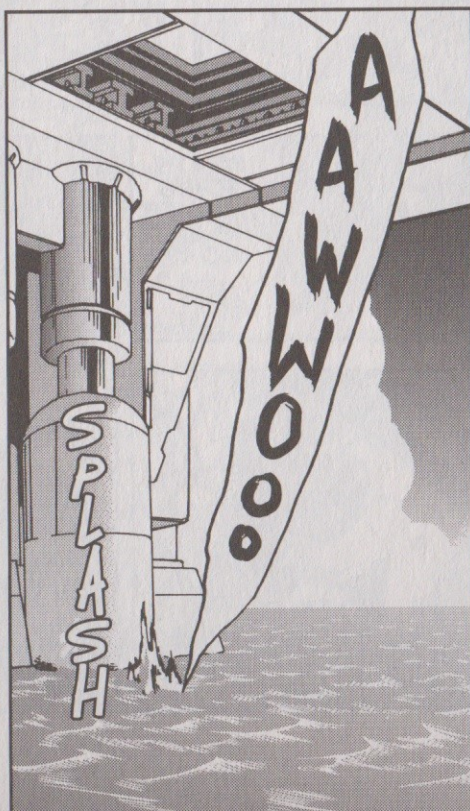
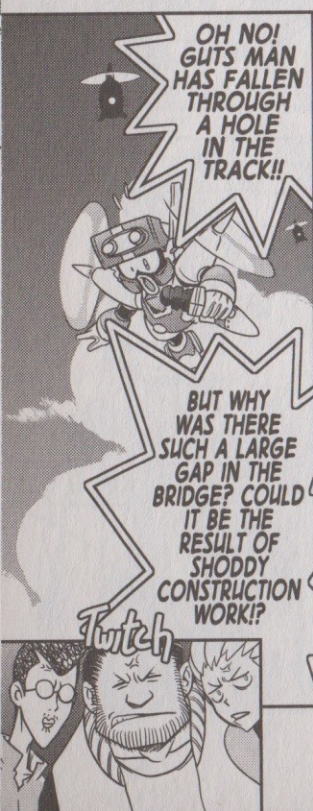
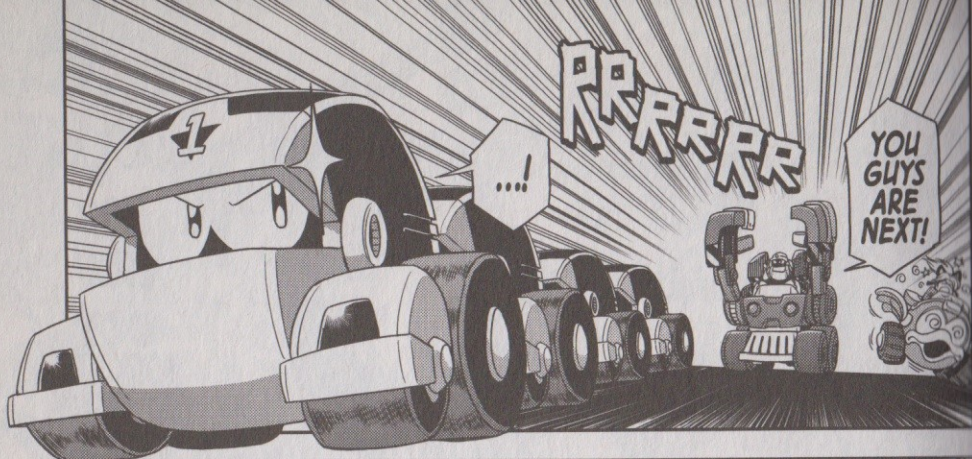
GOOD
ONE!
KEEP
GOING!!

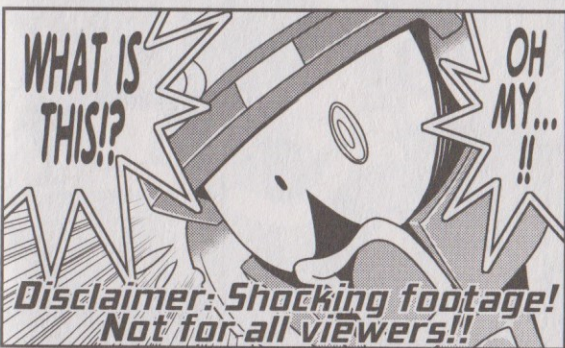
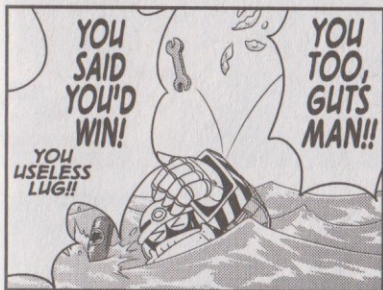
WHOA!
HE'S
CAUSING
AN
EARTH-
QUAKE!!

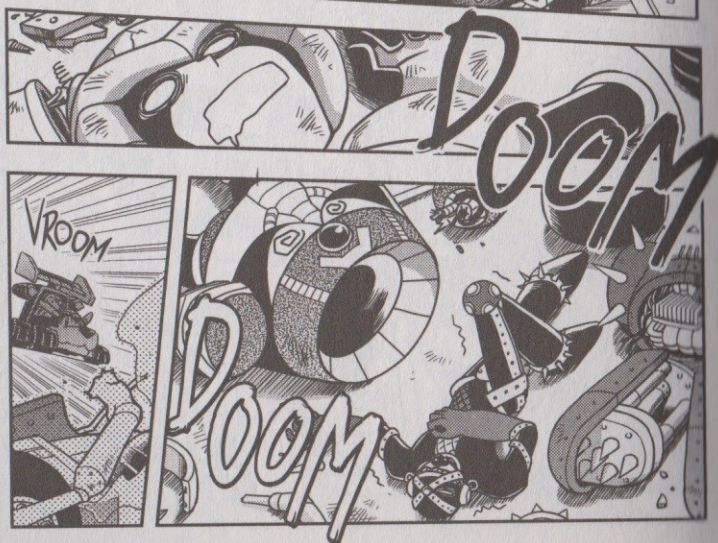
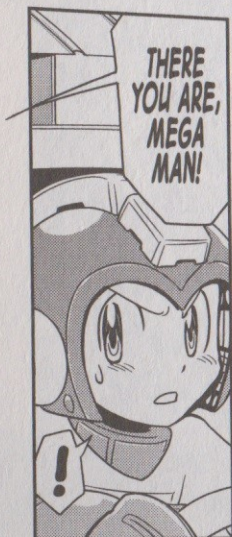
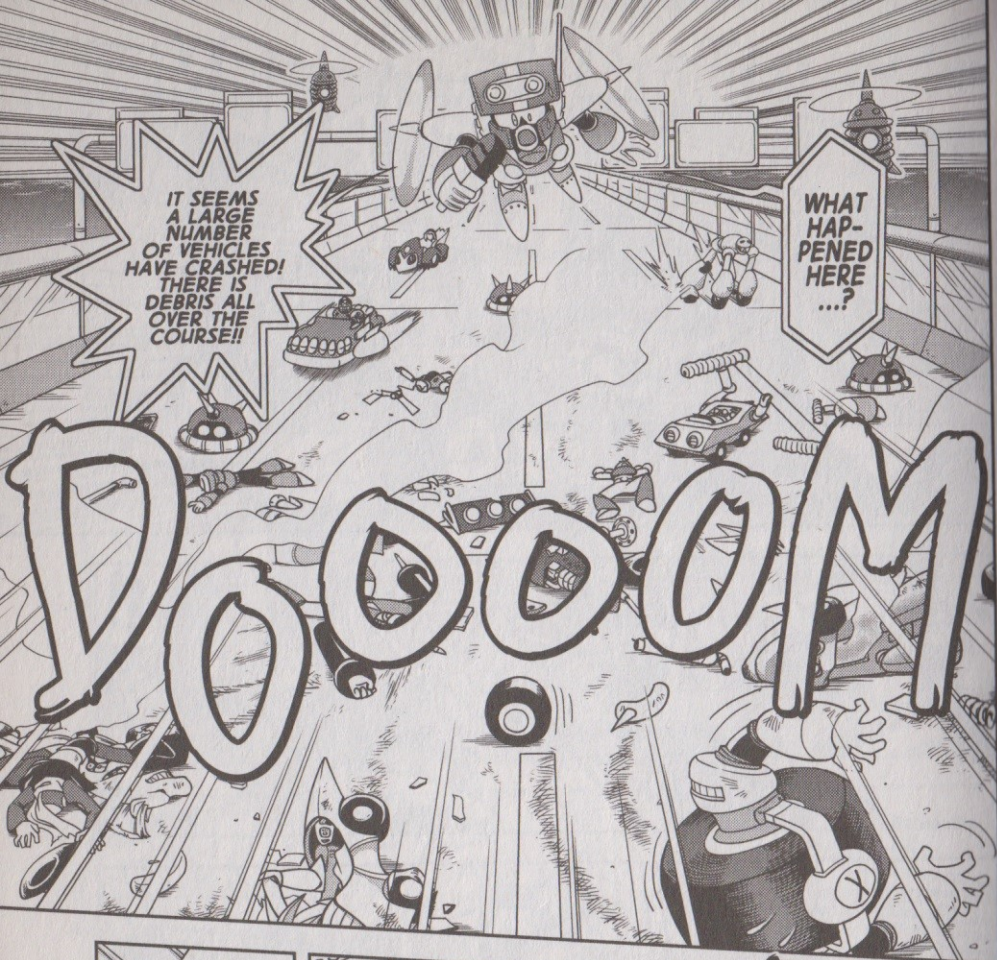


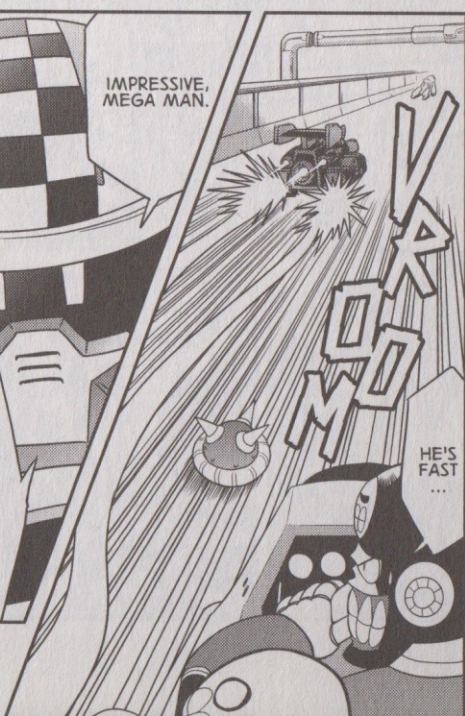
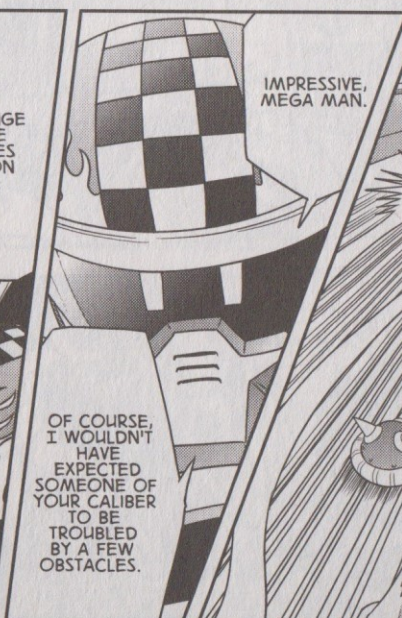
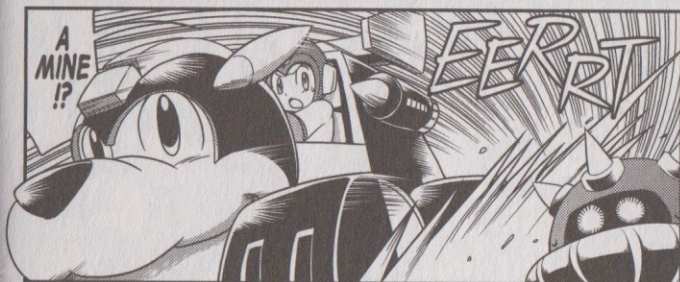
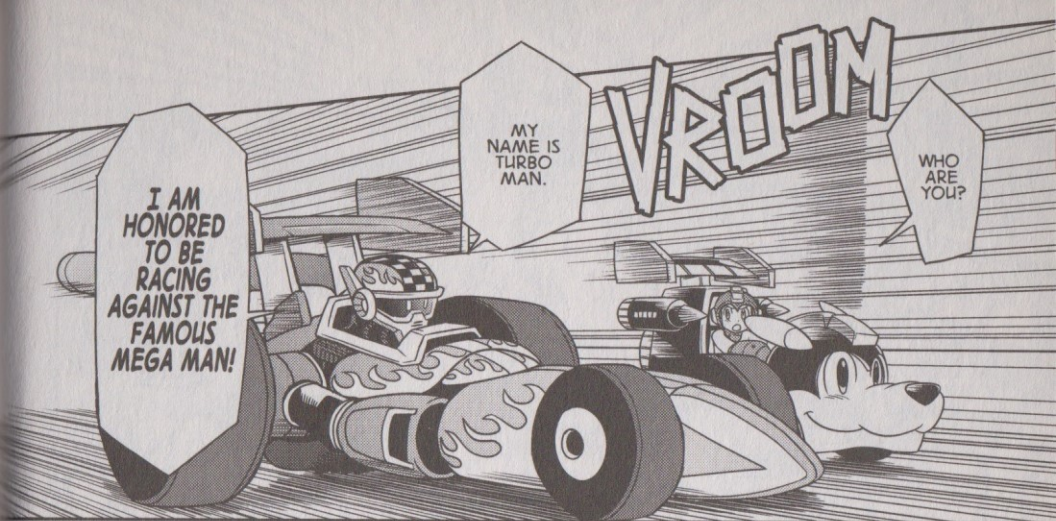
WHAM

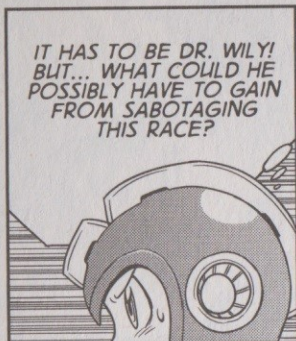
RRRRRRRRRR

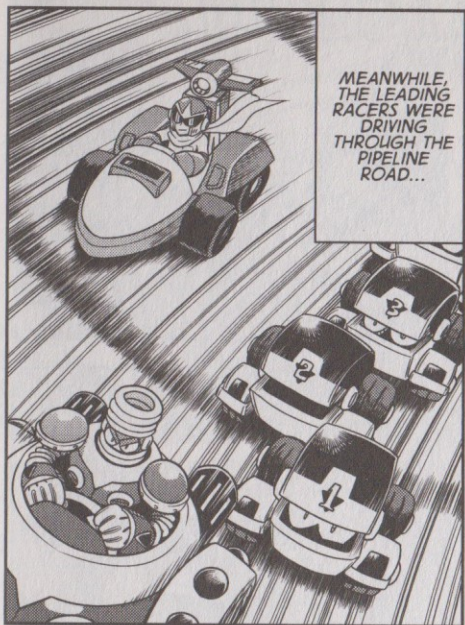




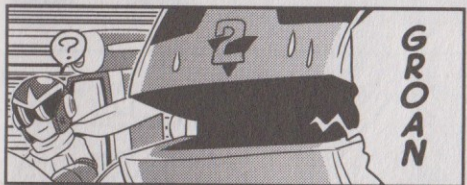








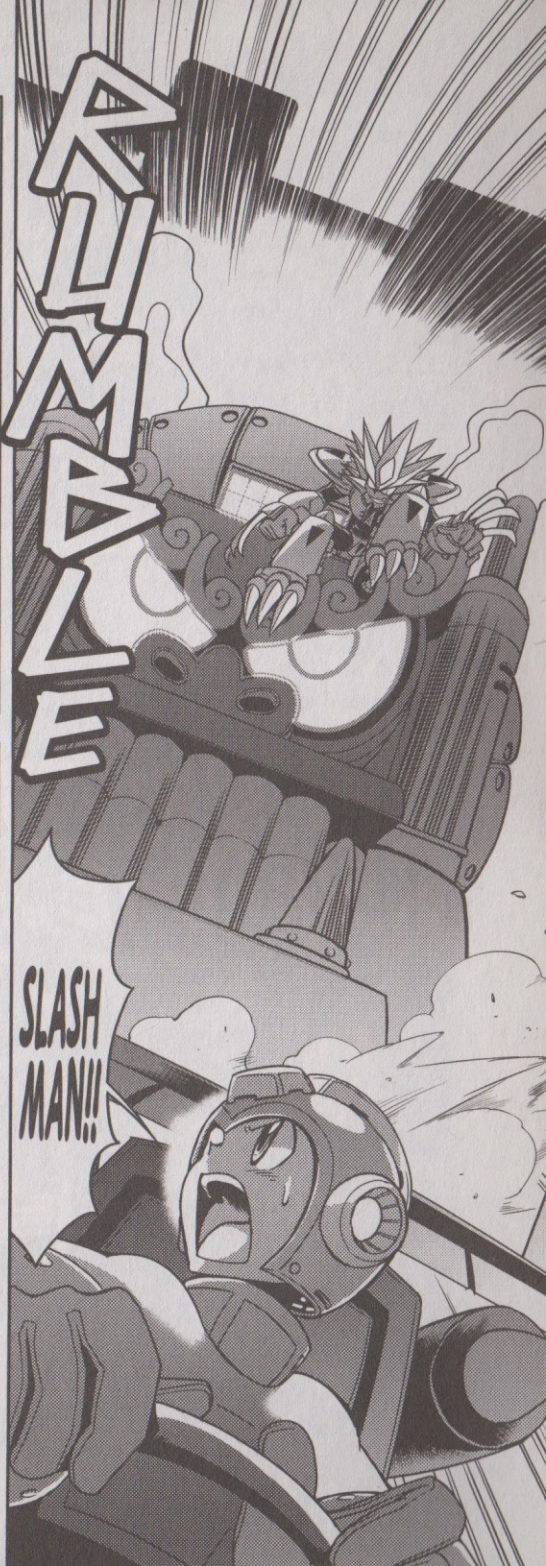
MEANWHILE,
THE LEADING
RACERS WERE
DRIVING
THROUGH THE
PIPELINE
ROAD...

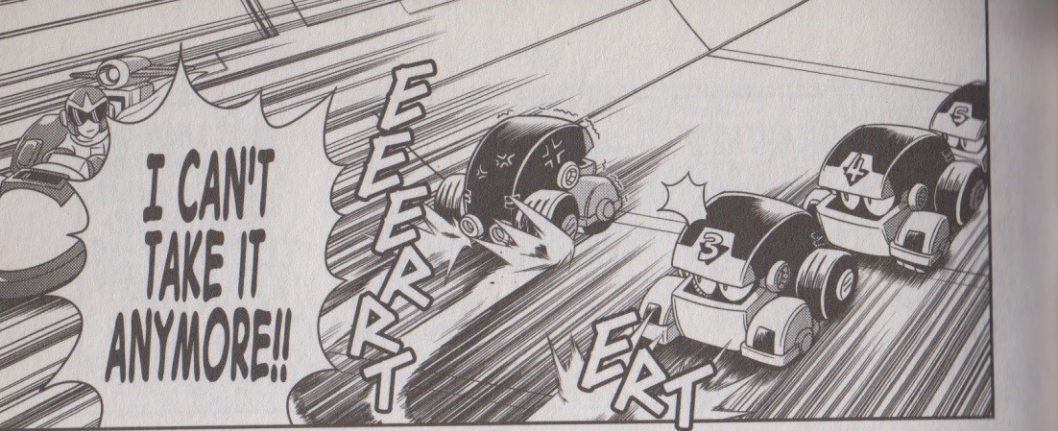


GROAN



AAAAARRRRGGH!!





I CAN'T
TAKE IT
ANYMORE!!

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I'VE HAD
ENOUGH
OF THIS!

BOOM

SHUT
UP!!

WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
GOING
!?



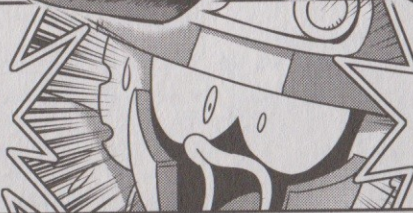
W
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T
!?

I'M
TIRED OF
WAITING! I'M
GOING TO
FIND HIM
MYSELF!!

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I PLAYED
ALONG
BECAUSE
YOU SAID
I'D GET
A CHANCE
TO FIGHT
MEGA
MAN!

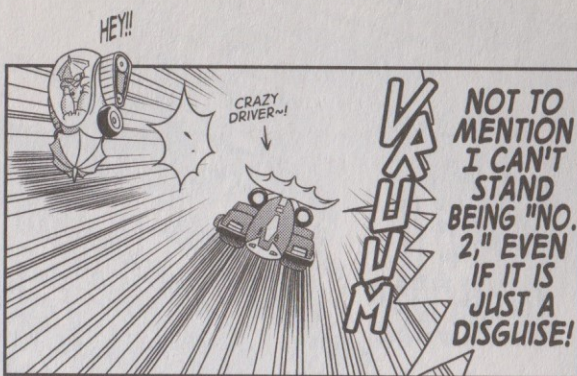
IT SEEMS THE
IDENTITY OF THE
NO. 2 CAR OF THE
"BLACK 4 ROADERS"
TEAM IS ACTUALLY
BASS! YES, THAT'S
DEFINITELY BASS!!



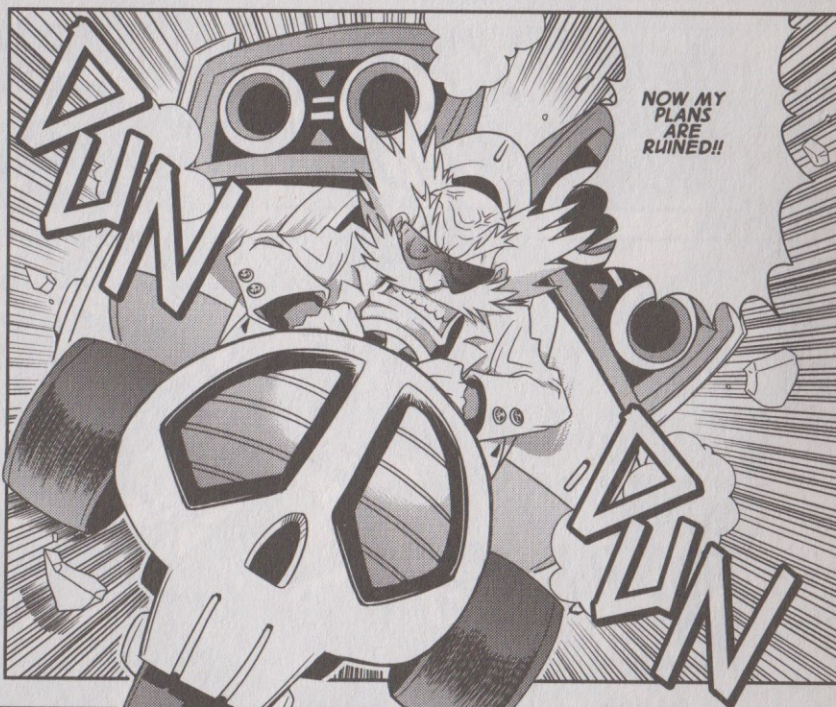
THE CAMERAS
SITUATED IN THE
PIPELINE ROAD
ARE SENDING
US SOME
SURPRISING
FOOTAGE!



THAT FOOL!
I TOLD HIM
TO MAINTAIN
HIS DISGUISE
UNTIL THE
END!!



NOT TO
MENTION
I CAN'T
STAND
BEING "NO.
2," EVEN
IF IT IS
JUST A
DISGUISE!



NOW MY
PLANS
ARE
RUINED!!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON
HERE!?

WHAT'S
THIS!? THE
LEADER OF
THE "BLACK
4 ROADERS"
IS...

IS...

DR.
WILY!?

THEN I WAS
GOING TO WIN
THE RACE AND
WALK AWAY
WITH THE
PRIZE MONEY!
TWO BIRDS
WITH ONE
STONE! IT WAS
THE PERFECT
PLAN!!

GAH! THE
WHOLE POINT
WAS TO GET
MEGA MAN IN
THE RACE SO
THAT WE COULD
DESTROY HIM
WHILE MAKING
IT LOOK LIKE
A RACING
ACCIDENT!



WHAT
A
BEAUTIFUL
PLANET
YOU
ARE.

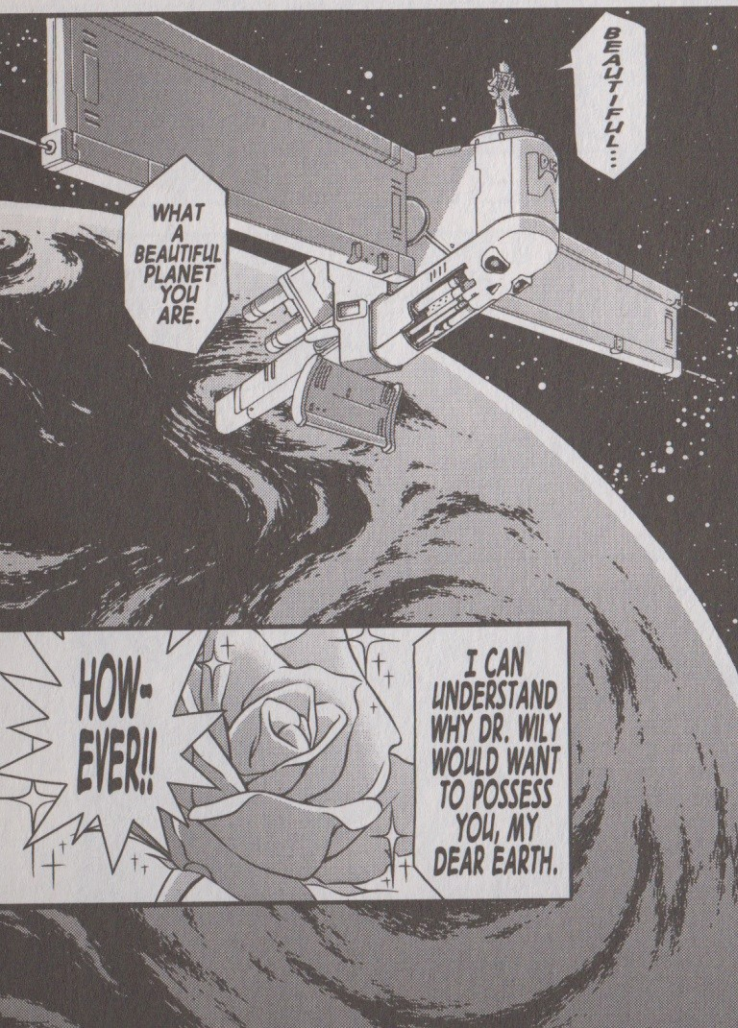
BEAUTIFUL...

THAT
INSOLENT
BASS HAS
RUINED
EVERYTHING!!

HOW-
EVER!!

I CAN
UNDERSTAND
WHY DR. WILY
WOULD WANT
TO POSSESS
YOU, MY
DEAR EARTH.

STAR
MAAAN!!



NOTE: STAR MAN IS OUT IN SPACE, SO HE HAS TO HAVE THE ROSE DIRECTLY IN HIS MOUTH IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE WITH DR. WILY.



beep
beep



HA
HA!



NOTHING IS MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I!!

BUT
➤MFF<
OF COURSE
...



CHANGE OF PLANS! DO YOU HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF ALL THE CARS IN THE RACE?

TA
DA

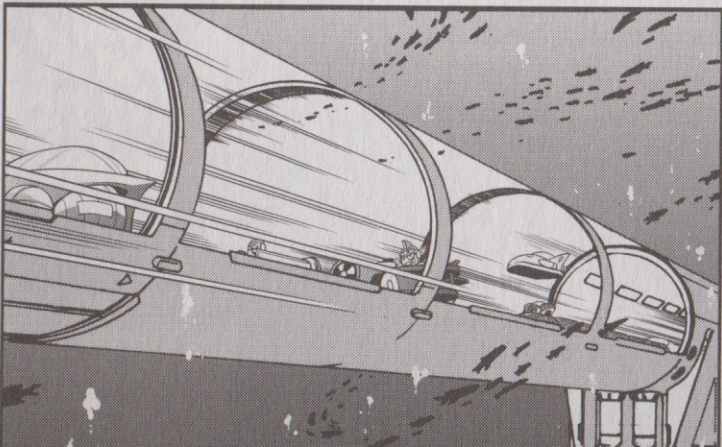


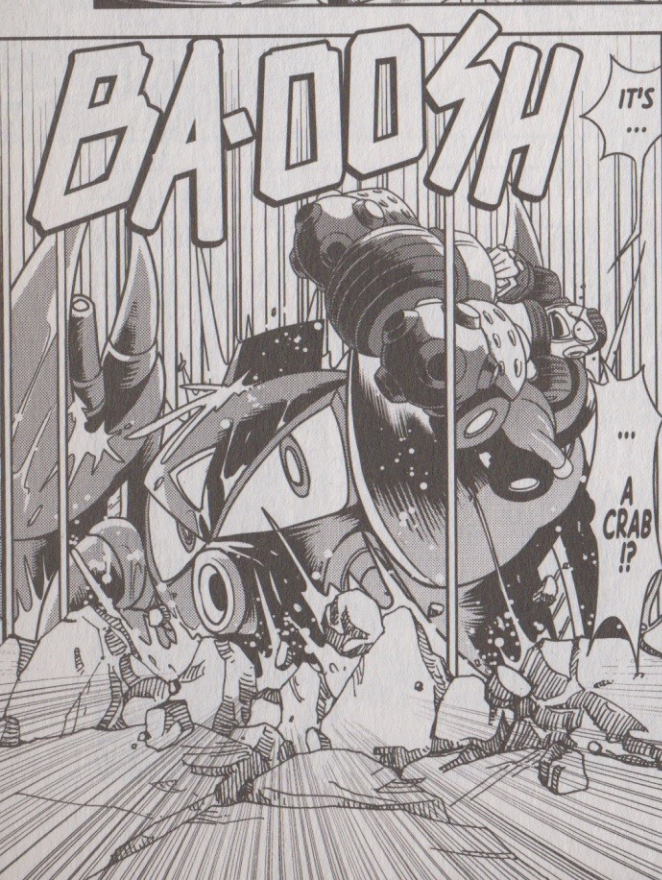
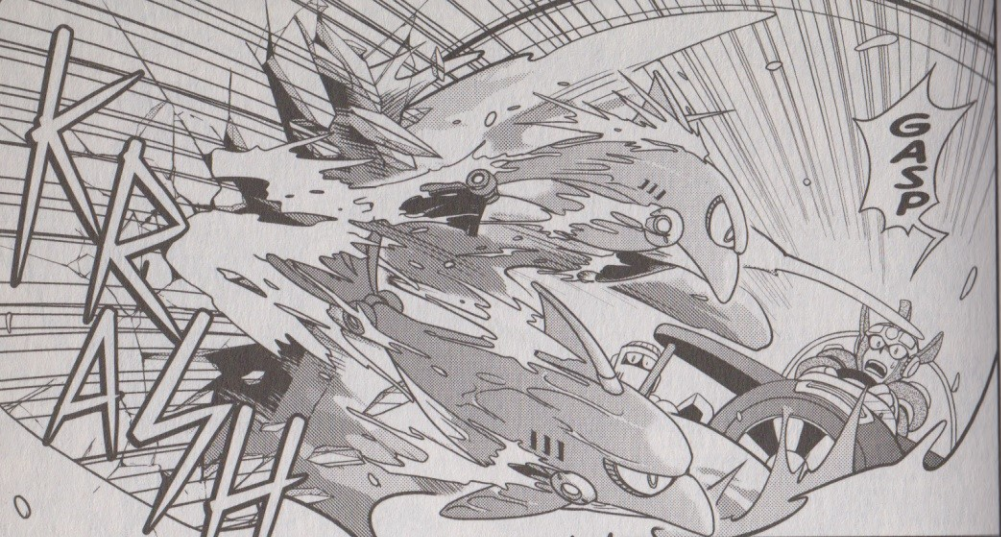
➤MFF<
ROGER!

WHY ARE YOU TALKING LIKE THAT!? NEVERMIND... TELL WILY SQUADRONS 4 AND 6 THAT THEY ARE TO CARRY OUT THEIR ATTACKS!



ISN'T
➤MNA<
THAT THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS
➤MFF<
SATEL-LITE?







WHAT'S
GOING
TO
HAPPEN
TO THE
RACE
NOW!?

VARIOUS
MECHS UNDER
WILY'S CONTROL
ARE CAUSING
CHAOS IN
DIFFERENT
AREAS
ALONG THE
COURSE!

OH MY
GOSH...

WILY
MECHS! WILY
MECHS HAVE
FORCED
THEIR WAY
ONTO THE
RACE
TRACK!!

WHAT
DO WE
DO
NOW?



WHY WOULD
DR. WILY BE
INTERESTED
IN THIS RACE
AT ALL!?

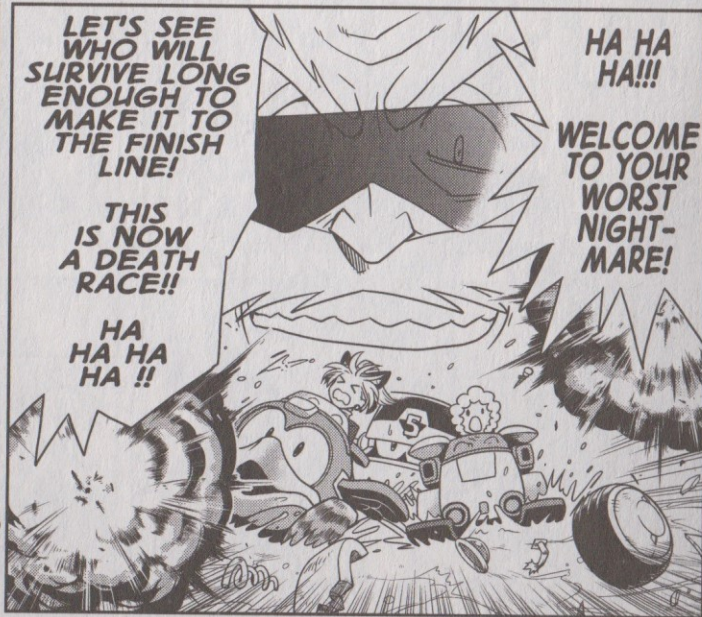
LET'S SEE
WHO WILL
SURVIVE LONG
ENOUGH TO
MAKE IT TO
THE FINISH
LINE!

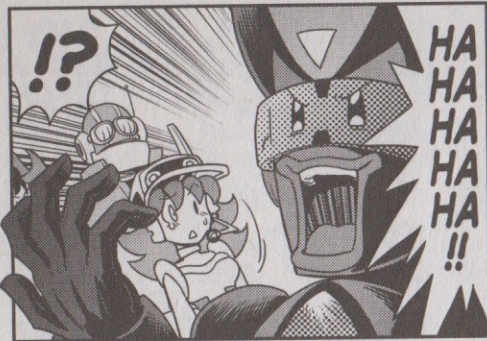
THIS
IS NOW
A DEATH
RACE!!

HA
HA HA
HA !!

HA HA
HA!!!

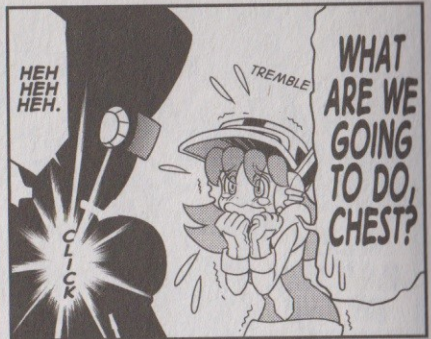
WELCOME
TO YOUR
WORST
NIGHT-
MARE!





!?

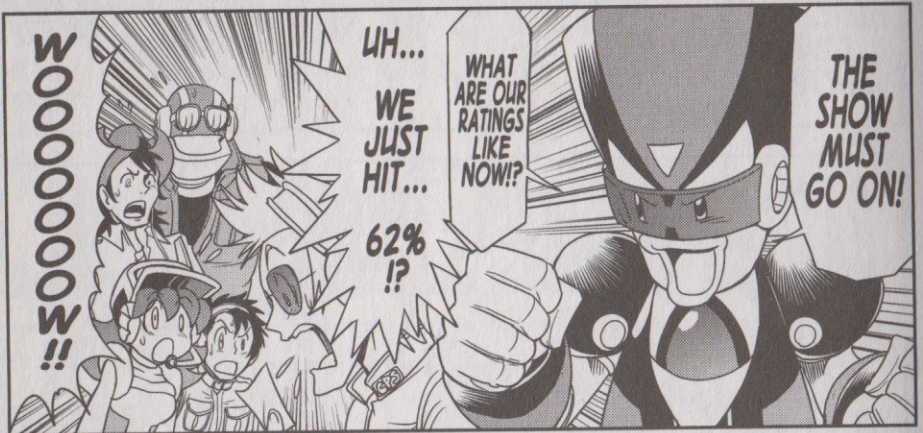
HA
HA
HA
HA
!!



HEH
HEH
HEH.

TREMBLE

WHAT
ARE WE
GOING
TO DO,
CHEST?



W
O
O
O
O
O
O
O
O
O
!!

UH...
WE
JUST
HIT...
62%
!?

WHAT
ARE OUR
RATINGS
LIKE
NOW?!

THE
SHOW
MUST
GO ON!



HOAS

UHM...
IS THIS...
ETHICAL?

NOTHING
IS MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN
RATINGS...

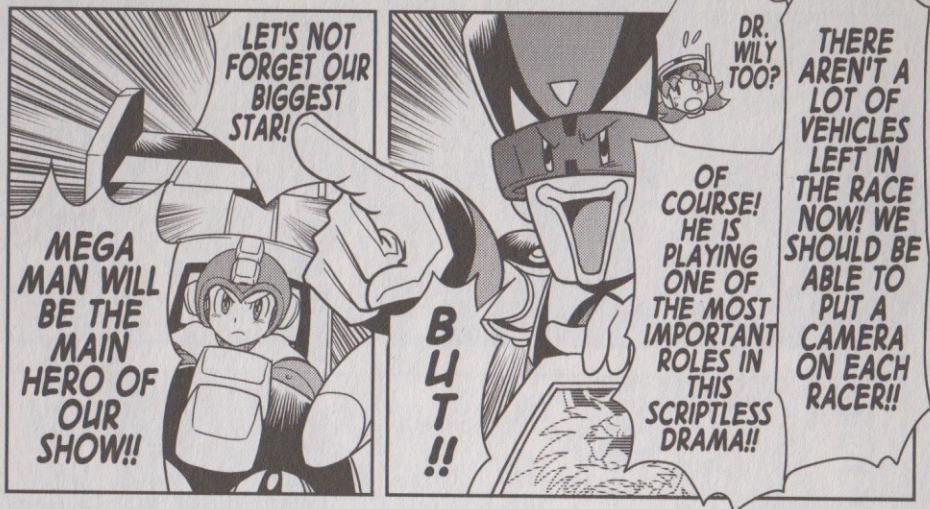
IT'S THE
SAD TRUTH
IN THE
WORLD OF
TELEVISION.

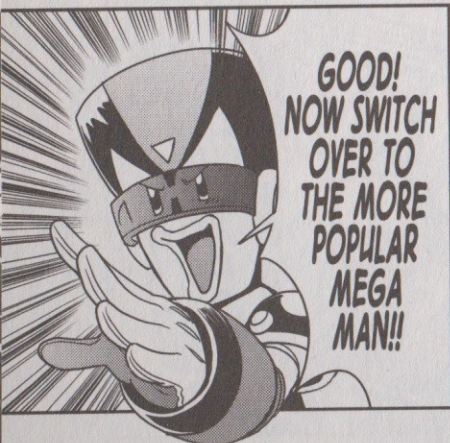
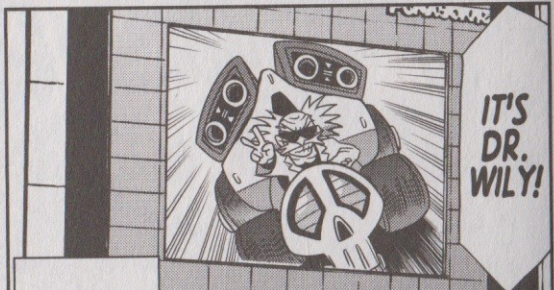
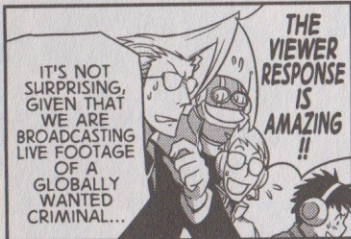
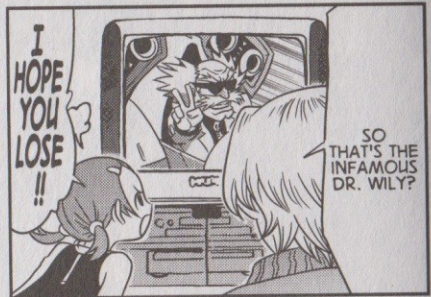


THIS IS
THE RACE
EVERYONE
HAS BEEN
WAITING
FOR! WE
MAY VERY
WELL GET
100%
VIEWER
RATINGS!!

WE CAN
DO THIS!

UNFORESEEN
INCIDENTS!
NUMEROUS
CRASHES!





RUMBLE

THE WILY
MECHS ARE ON
A RAMPAGE!
THEY'VE
ALREADY
CLAIMED MORE
THAN TEN
VEHICLES, AND
NOW THEY'RE
AFTER MEGA
MAN!!

BOOM!
THEY'RE
IN FRONT
OF
ME!!



RUMBLE

RIPOT
HERE,
WITH
THE
LATEST
!!

THE REAR
GROUP IS
IN A FLURRY
OF CHAOS
AT THE
MOMENT!

RUMBLE

BUT WE'LL
SEE HOW
LONG YOU
CAN LAST!!

YOU'RE
PRETTY
STUB-
BORN,
MEGA
MAN!



FABOOM

THAT WAS EASIER THAN I EXPECTED!!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!!

THAT WAS EASIER THAN I EXPECTED!!

BOOM

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!!

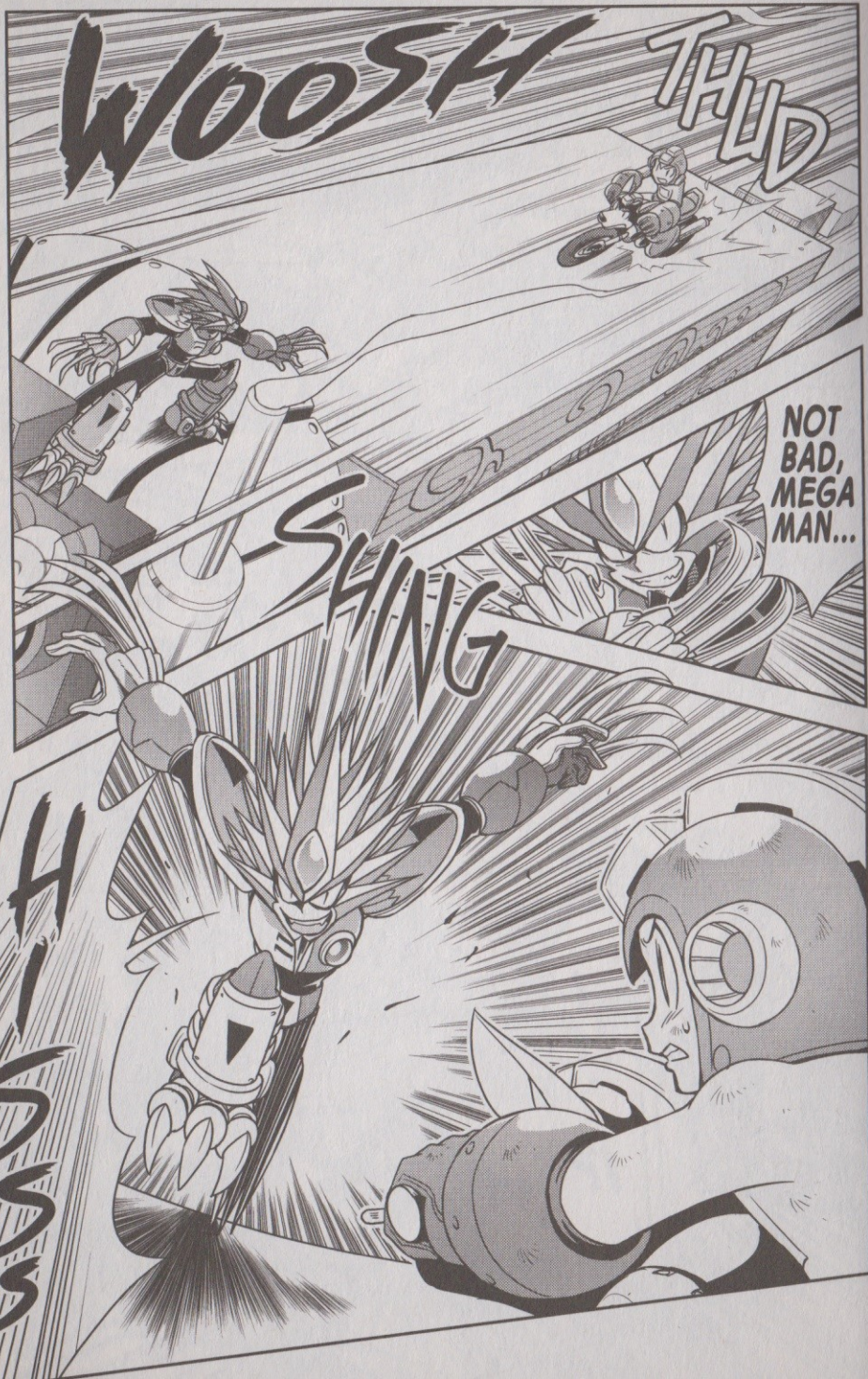
WOOSH

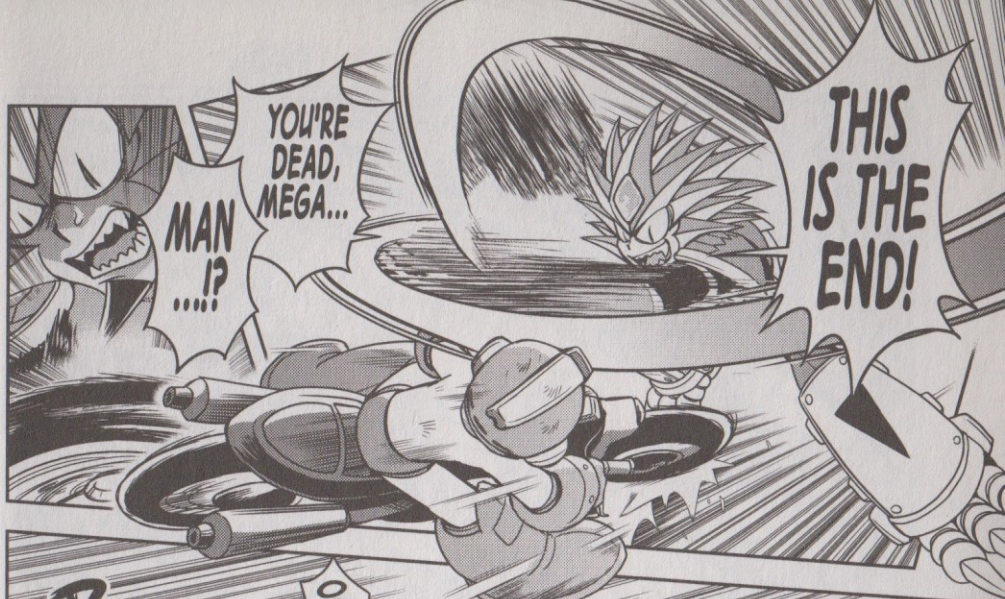
THUD

NOT
BAD,
MEGA
MAN...

SHING

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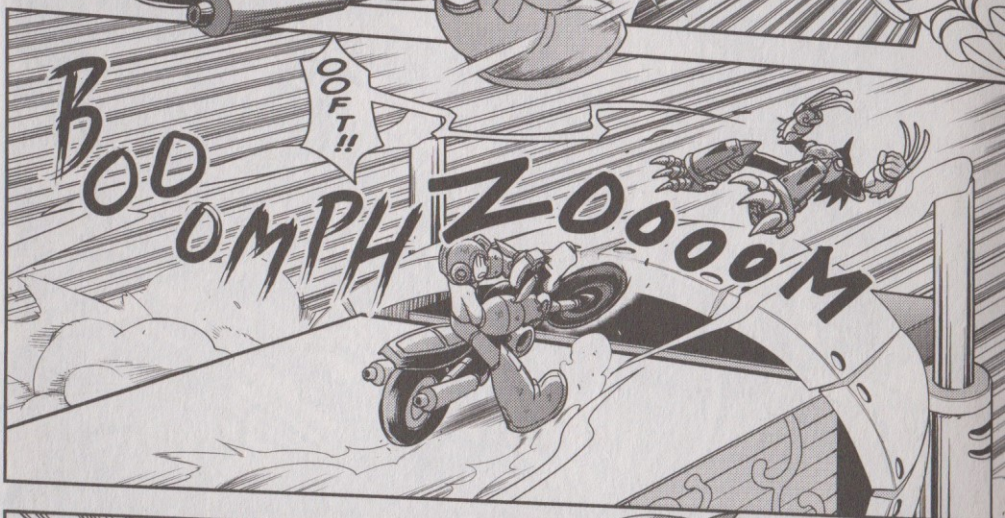




MAN
!?
....!

YOU'RE
DEAD,
MEGA...

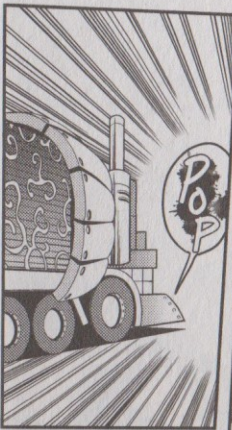
THIS
IS THE
END!



BOO

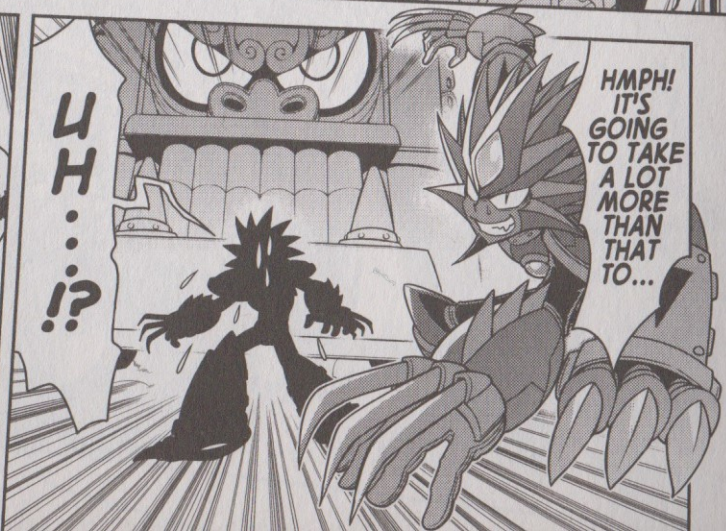
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OMPH ZOOOOM

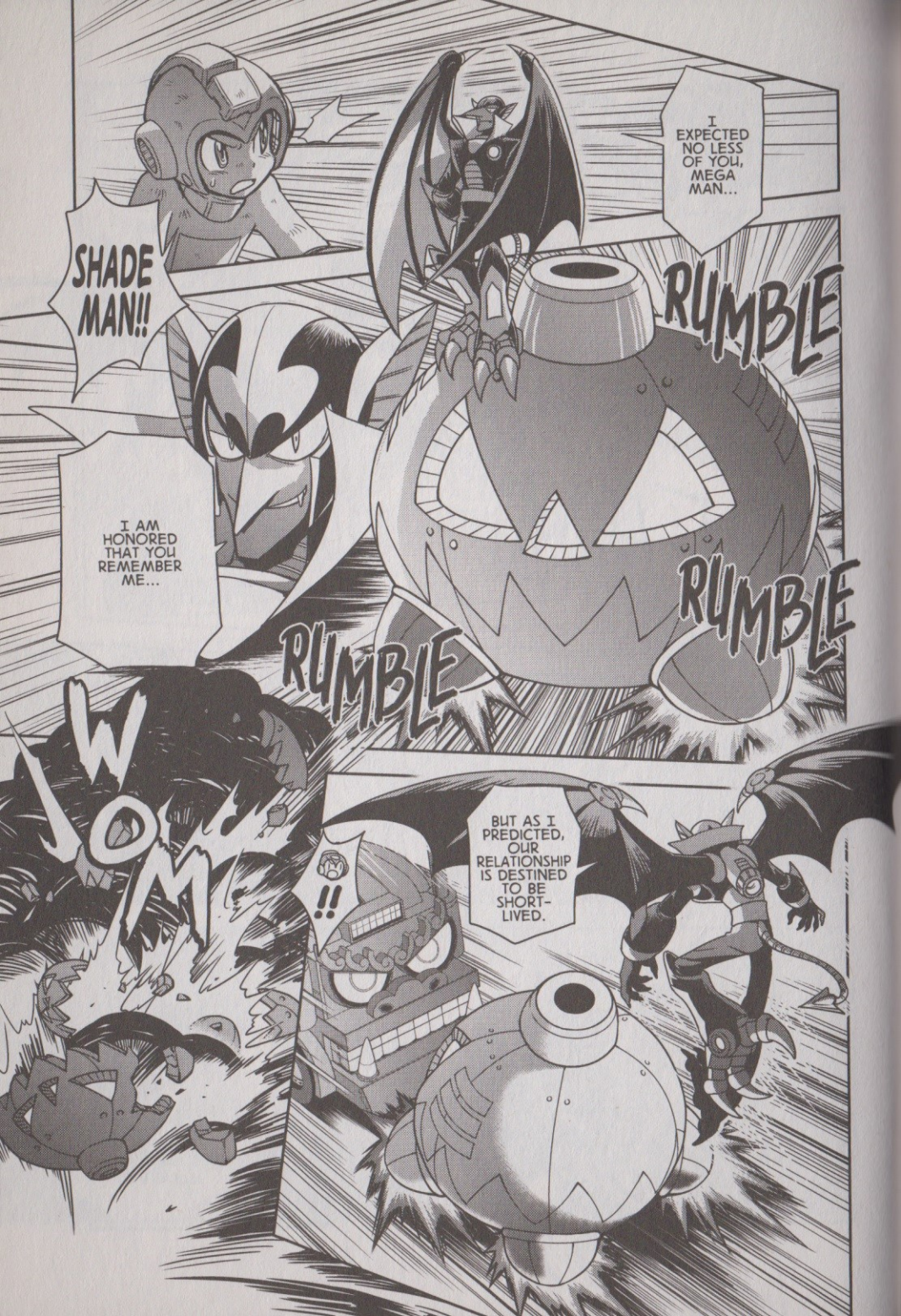


POP

UH...!
!?



HMPH!
IT'S
GOING TO
TAKE
A LOT
MORE
THAN
THAT
TO...



I
EXPECTED
NO LESS
OF YOU,
MEGA
MAN...

SHADE
MAN!!

I AM
HONORED
THAT YOU
REMEMBER
ME...

RUMBLE

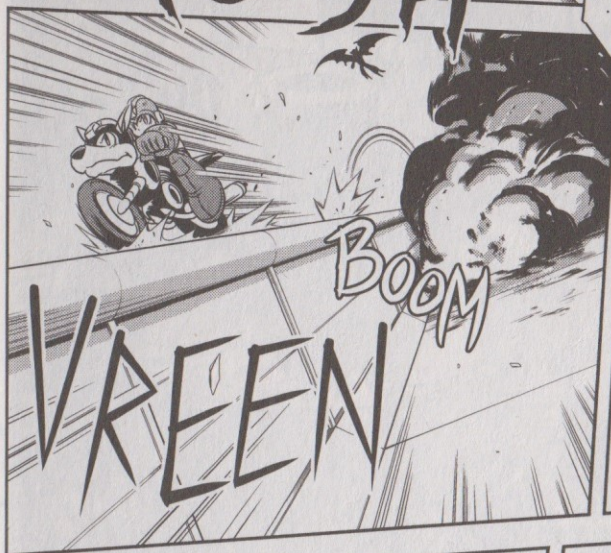
RUMBLE

RUMBLE

WOM

BUT AS I
PREDICTED,
OUR
RELATIONSHIP
IS DESTINED
TO BE
SHORT-
LIVED.

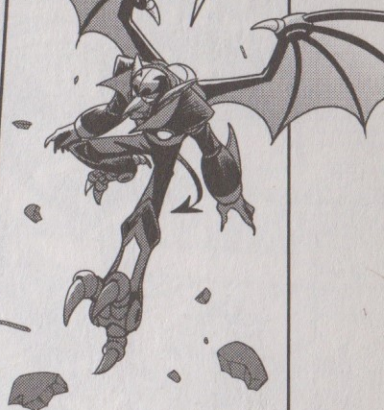
FOOSH



HM
...?

HEH HEH HEH.

THE GREAT
MEGA MAN
IS NO MORE...



I'LL HAVE
TO TAKE
YOU
SERI-
OUSLY.



I SUPPOSE
I HAVE NO
CHOICE
NOW...

KUDOS
TO YOU,
MEGA
MAN.



I SUPPOSE
THE
CONSIDERATE
THING TO
DO WOULD
BE TO LEAVE
MEGA MAN
TO HIM.

FLAP

HEH
HEH
HEH...

I HAD
ALMOST
FORGOT-
TEN ABOUT
HIM...

WHAT'S
THIS...?





BASS...!!

MEGA MAN!!



HA HA
HA!!
LONG
TIME NO
SEE!

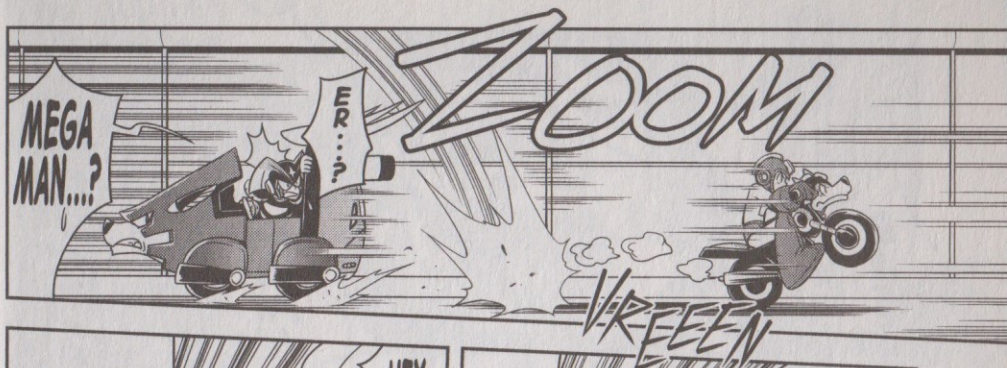


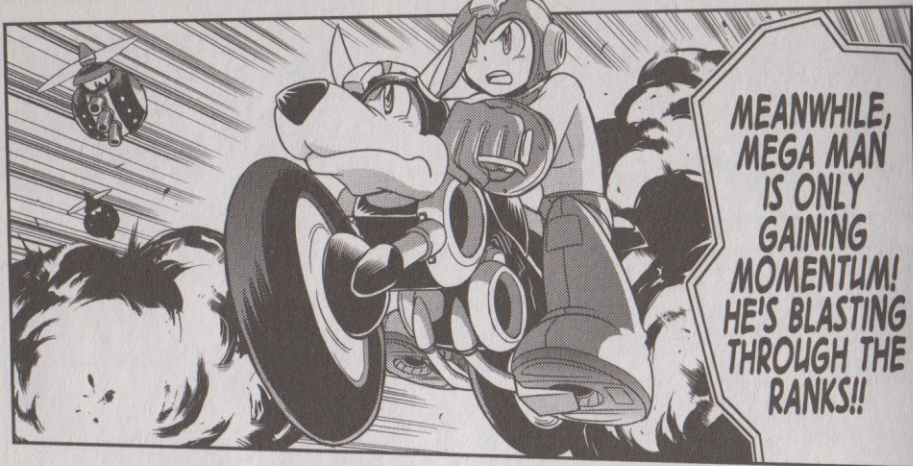
TODAY IS
THE DAY!
YOU AND
ME...

MEGA
MAN!

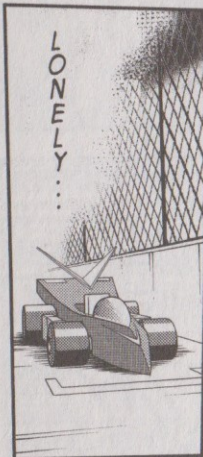


WHA...?



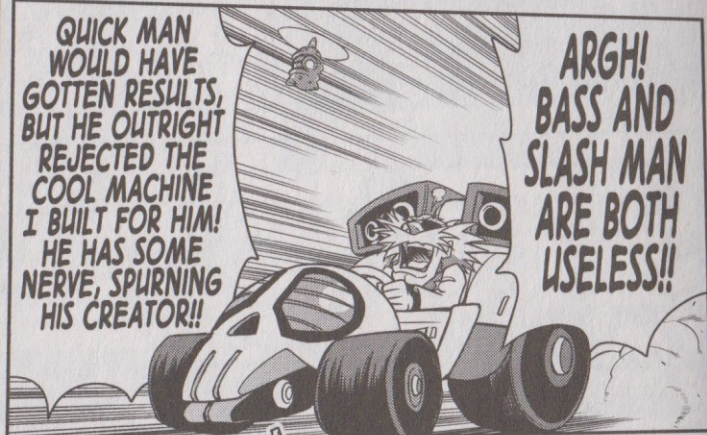


MEANWHILE,
MEGA MAN
IS ONLY
GAINING
MOMENTUM!
HE'S BLASTING
THROUGH THE
RANKS!!

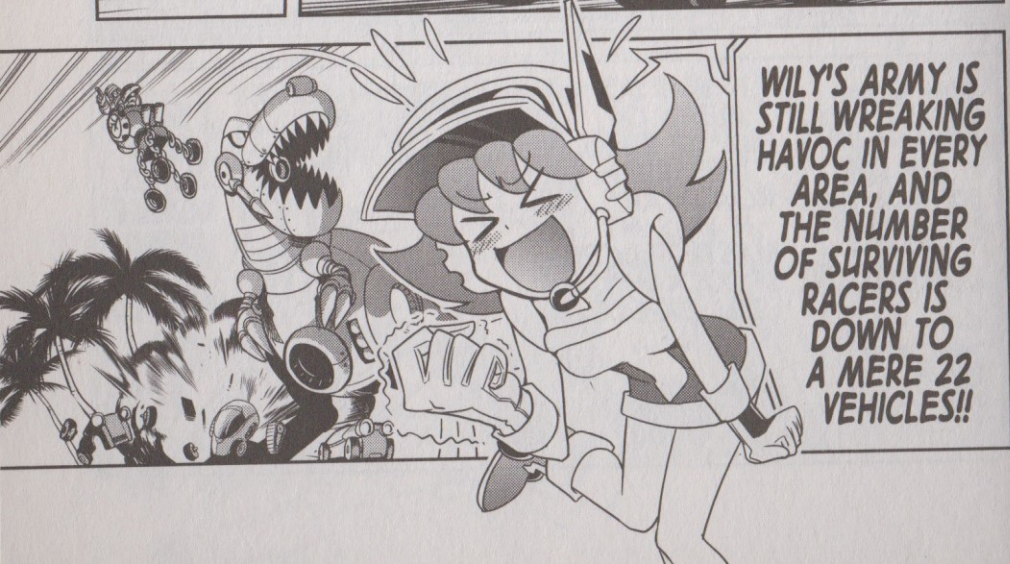


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QUICK MAN
WOULD HAVE
GOTTEN RESULTS,
BUT HE OUTRIGHT
REJECTED THE
COOL MACHINE
I BUILT FOR HIM!
HE HAS SOME
NERVE, SPURNING
HIS CREATOR!!



ARGH!
BASS AND
SLASH MAN
ARE BOTH
USELESS!!



WILY'S ARMY IS
STILL WREAKING
HAVOC IN EVERY
AREA, AND
THE NUMBER
OF SURVIVING
RACERS IS
DOWN TO
A MERE 22
VEHICLES!!

WE CAN NO
DOUBT EXPECT
TO SEE EVEN
MORE EXCITING
ACTION AS THE
RACE GOES ON!

OF COURSE, ALL
OF THE RACERS
THAT ARE STILL
IN THE RACE
HAVE PROVEN
THEMSELVES TO
BE THE BEST OF
THE BEST!

I
ALMOST
DIDN'T
MAKE
IT...

SHADE
MAN IS
OUT OF HIS
MIND...
WHAT
WAS HE
THINKING?

MEGA
MAN...

UGH...
CURSES...

OH
WELL
...

HMP?
THAT'S
STRANGE...
I THOUGHT
I HEARD
SOMETHING.

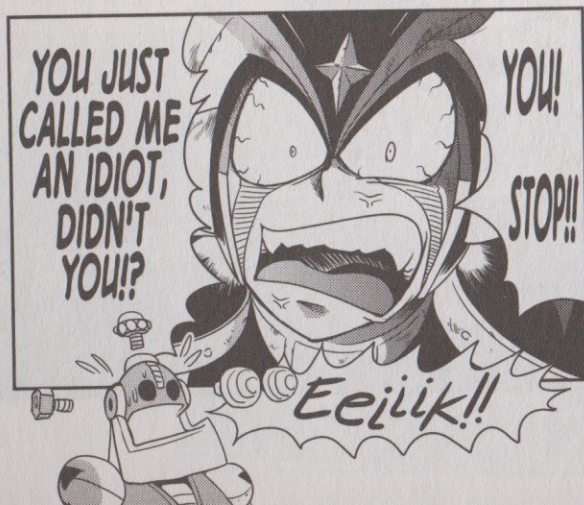
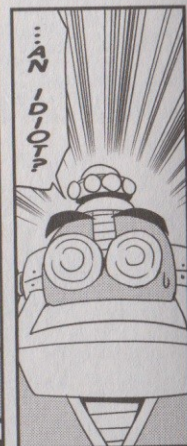
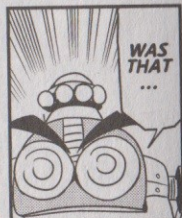
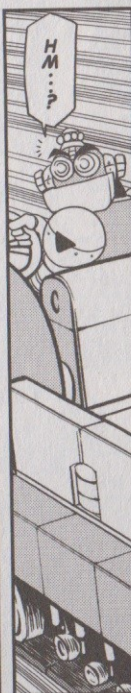
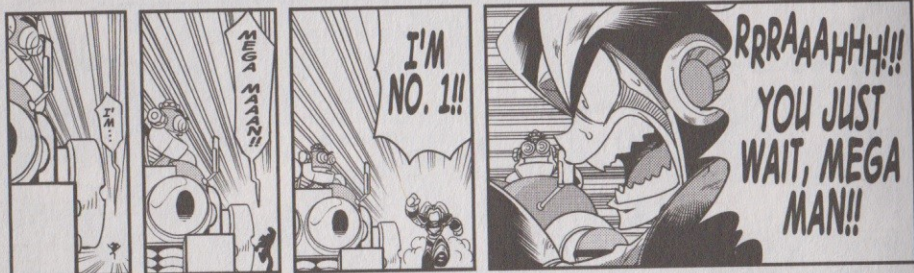
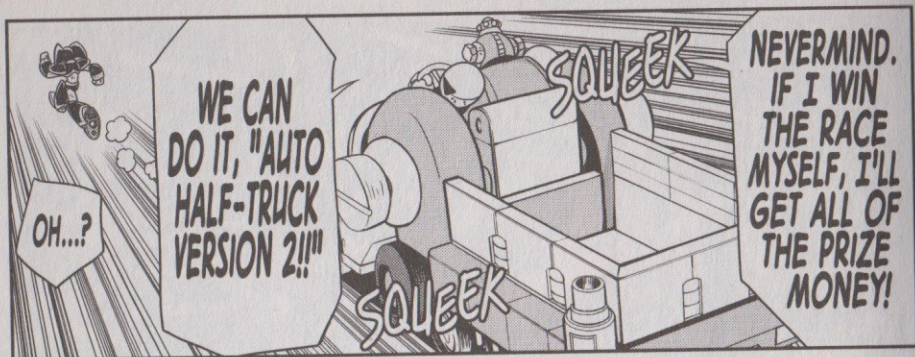
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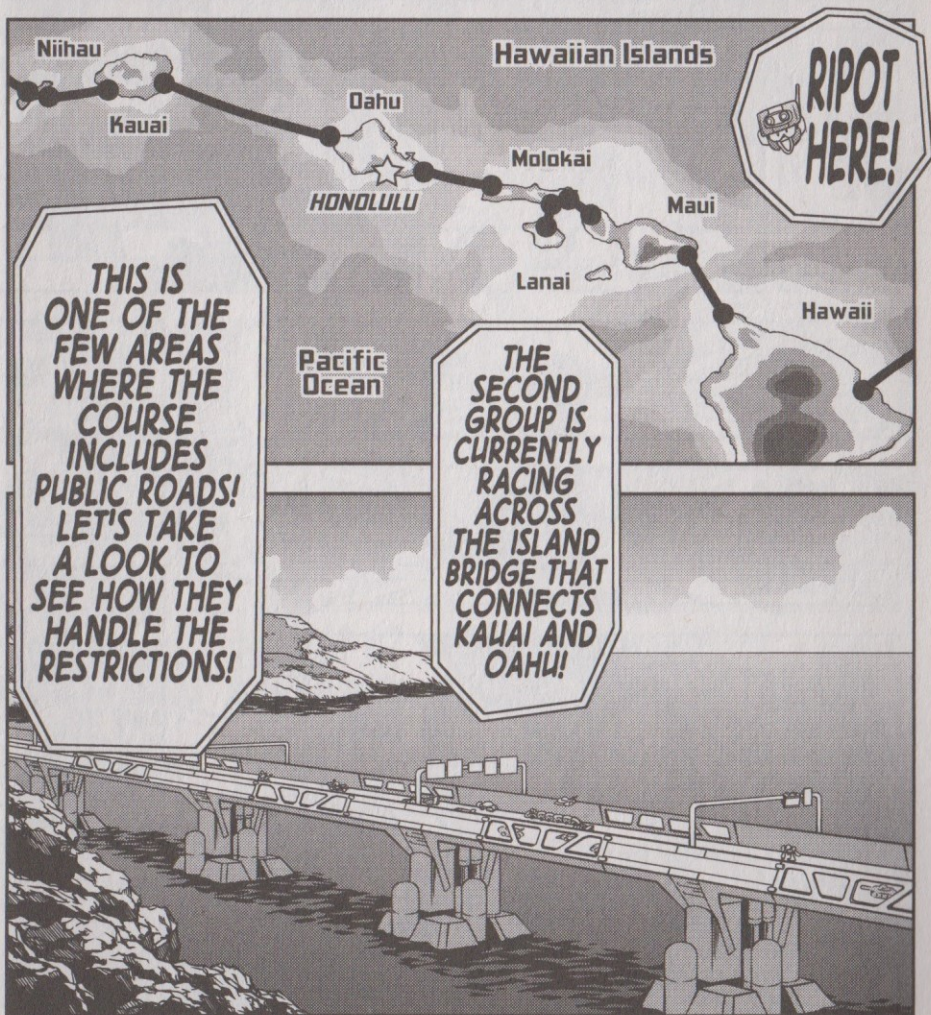
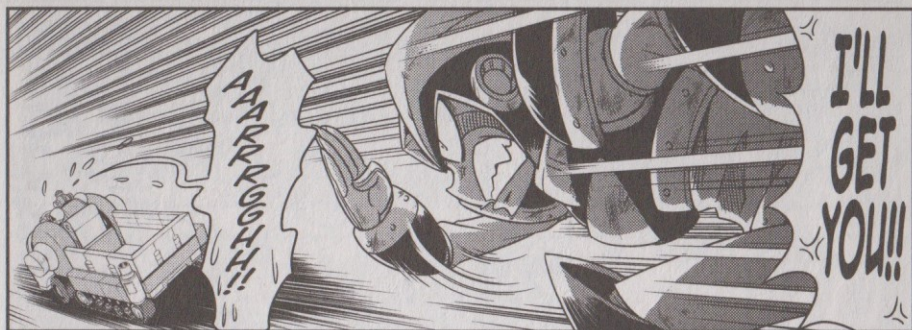
Twitch

NO, WAIT...
TWO-THIRDS
OF THE
PRIZE MONEY
AS MY
COMMISSION!

IT WAS SO
MEAN OF
HIM TO STEAL
THE "RUSH
ROADSTAR"...
IT WAS MY
MASTERPIECE!
IF ROCK WINS,
I'LL EXPECT
HALF...

I GUESS
MEGA
MAN IS
FARTHER
AHEAD
THAN I
EXPECTED.





I DON'T
KNOW...
I HAVE
A BAD
FEELING
ABOUT
THIS...

VRUM
LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE
FINALLY
GOING TO
GET TO RUN
A NORMAL
RACE FOR AT
LEAST A
LITTLE WHILE,
RIGHT ICE
MAN?

VRROOM
EVEN
DR. WILY
WOULDN'T
DARE DO
ANYTHING
CRAZY IN
SUCH A
POPULATED
AREA!

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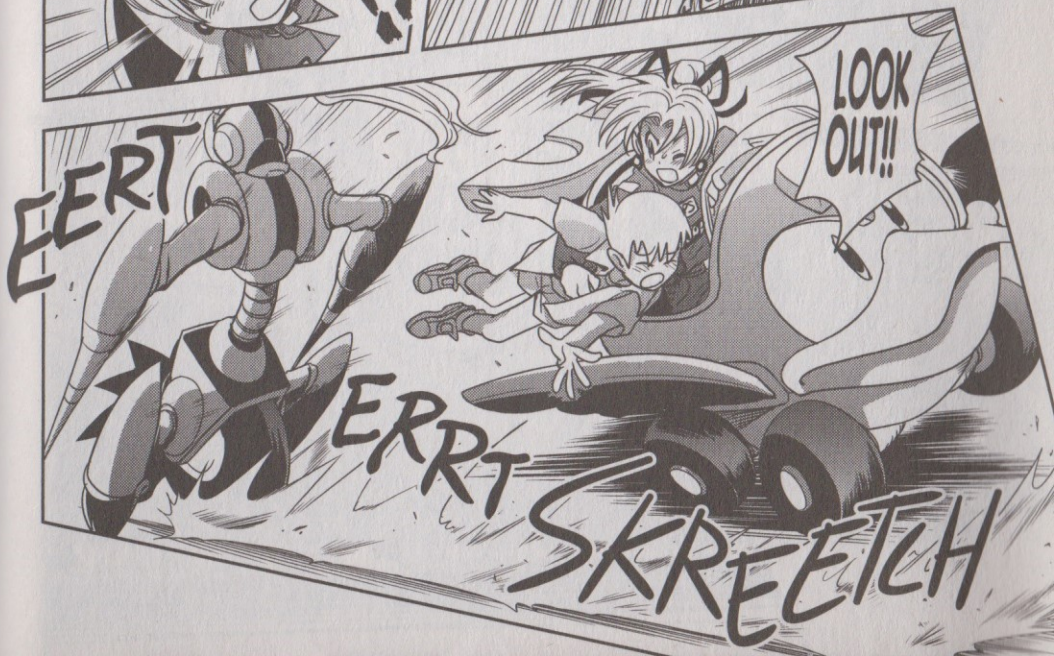
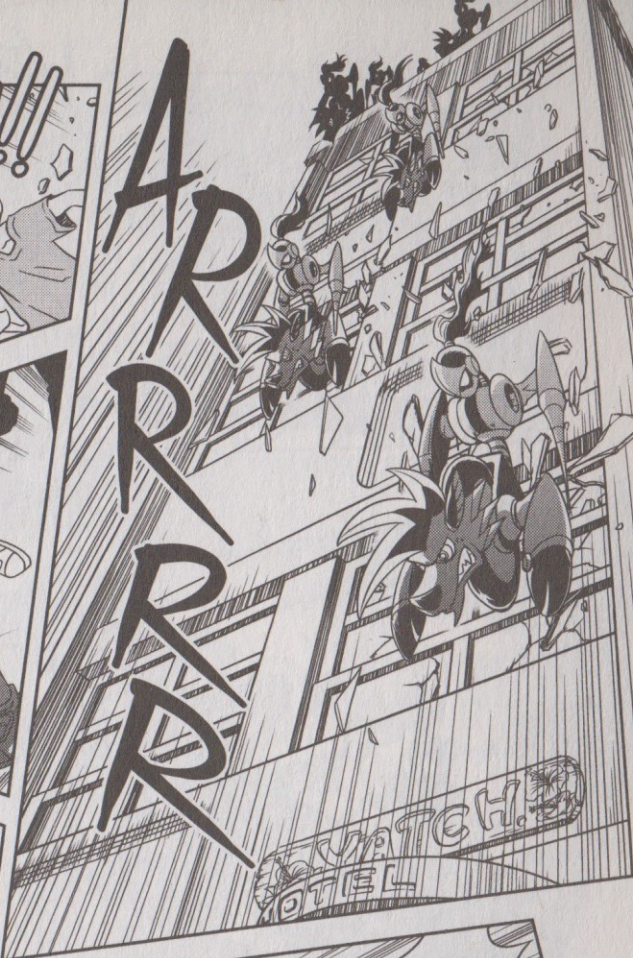
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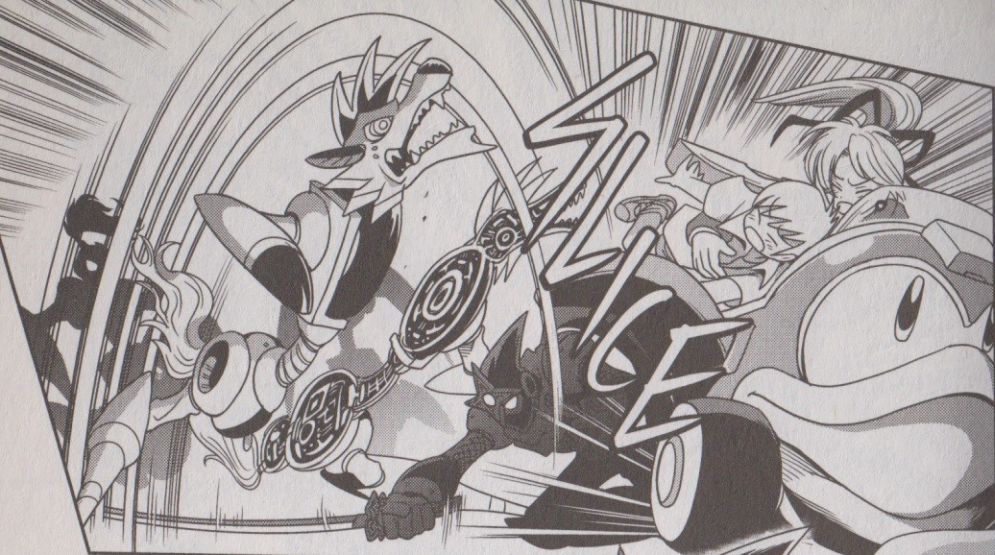
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WATCH
HOTEL





IT'S

...



YOU CAN
BARELY TAKE
CARE OF YOURSELF,
AND YOU WOULD
PRESUME TO
PROTECT ANOTHER?
YOUR ACTIONS
BETRAY YOUR
FOOLISHNESS.

HOW
DARE
YOU...!?
I DIDN'T
ASK
YOU...

WHAT
!?

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THERE'S
NO TIME
FOR
BICKERING!





WE
CAN'T
STAY
HERE!!

THE GILLIAM
KNIGHTS ARE
MINDLESS
ROBOTS
THAT WILL
CONTINUE
TO ATTACK
ANYTHING
IN THEIR
TERRITORY.



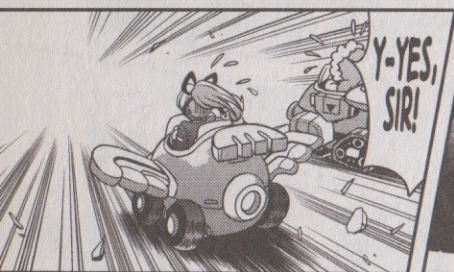
GET THAT
CHILD TO
A SAFE
PLACE!
NOW!!



HE'S
ONE OF
WILY'S...
WHY
WOULD
HE...?

NAPALM
MAN!!





HE HAS
AN OPEN
COURSE
LEADING HIM
STRAIGHT
TO SAN
FRANCISCO!!

HA
HA
HA
HA
!!!

DR. WILY
IS ALONE IN
THE LEAD! HE
HAS MADE IT
THROUGH THE
HAWAIIAN
ISLANDS, AND
IS NOW BACK
ON THE WORLD
BRIDGE!!

NO
ONE CAN
STOP ME
NOW!!

LITTLE
DO THEY
KNOW...
MY REAL
PLAN HAS
ONLY
BEGIN!

HEH
HEH
HEH..

IT APPEARS
DR. WILY HAS
SOMETHING
TO SAY, BUT
SINCE WE ARE
CONFIDENT
OUR VIEWERS
ARE NOT
INTERESTED,
WE WILL
MOVE ON.



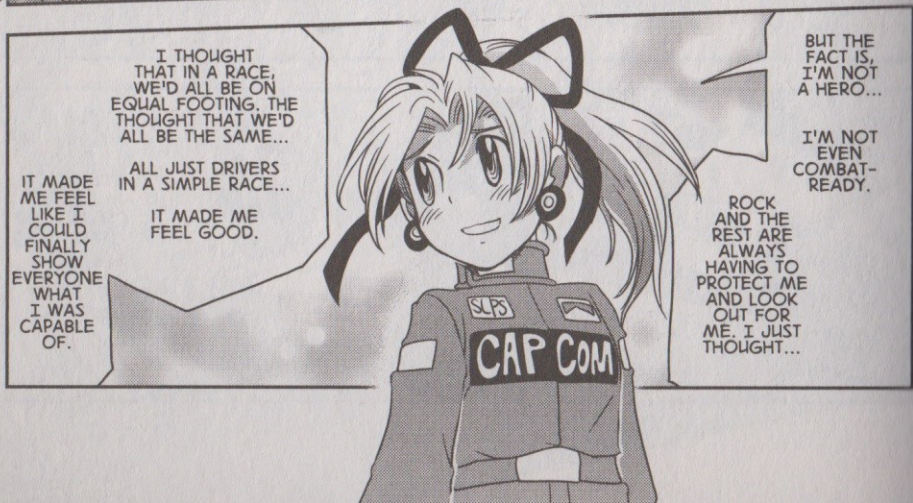
SHALL
WE GET
BACK TO
THE
RACE?

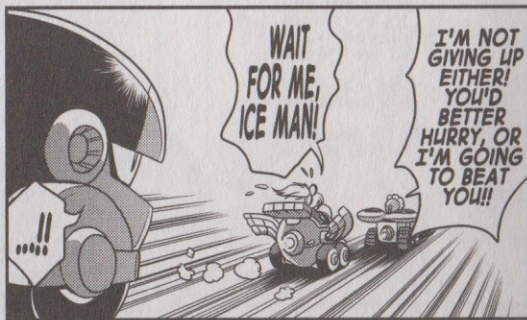
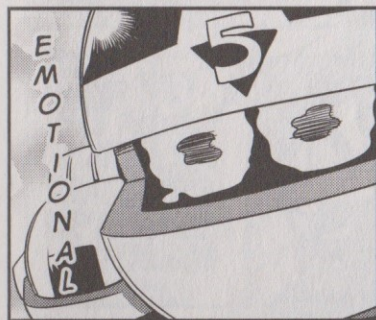
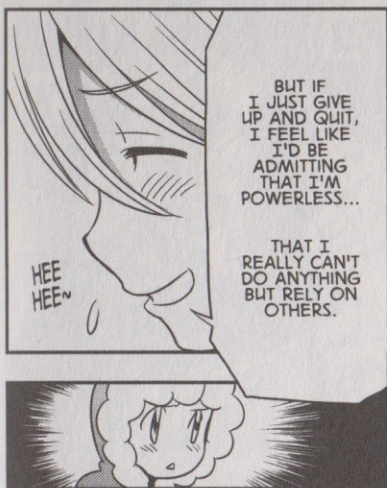
NOW,
THEN
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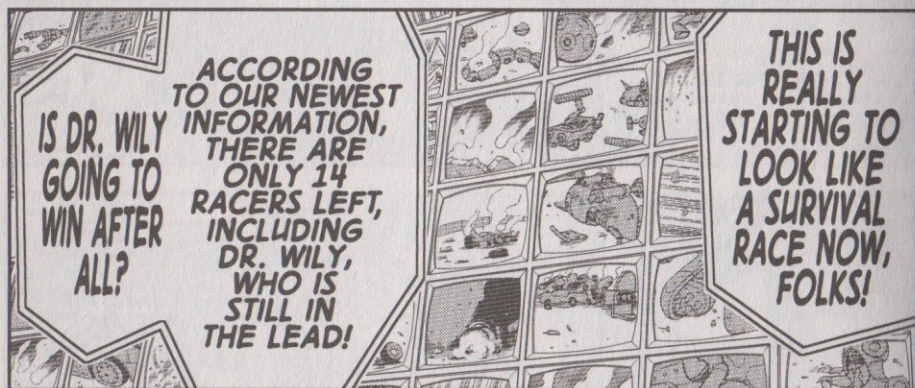
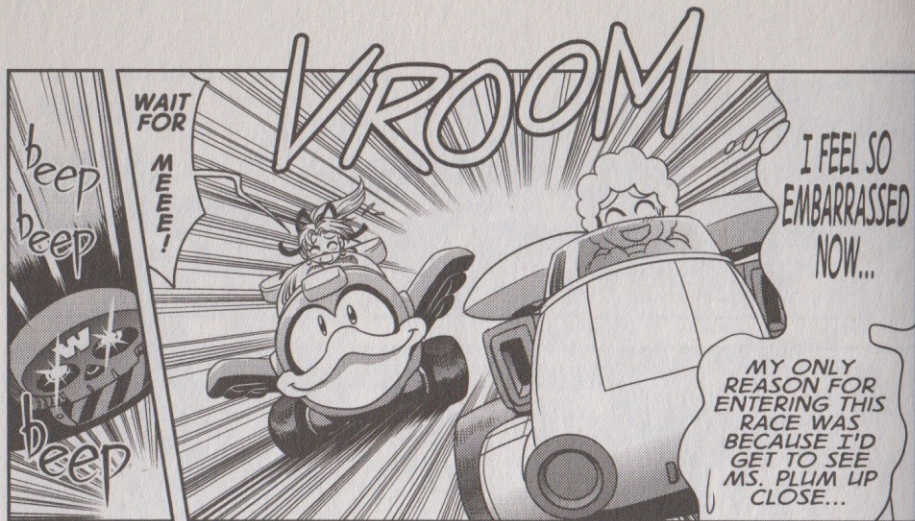
DR. WILY
HAS ALL BUT
RUINED THE
RACE, AND
WE'VE FALLEN
PRETTY FAR
BEHIND!

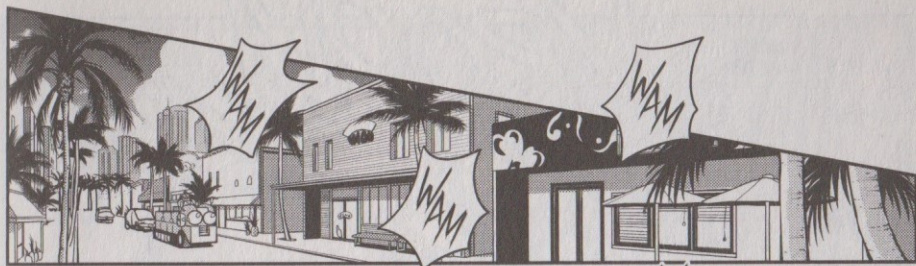
ARE YOU
SERIOUS?!











WE'RE TRAVELING AT 150 KILOMETERS AN HOUR... THAT'S THE TOP SPEED.

CAN'T THIS HUNK OF JUNK GO ANY FASTER!?

SLOW! SLOW! SLOW!!

I CAN'T HELP IT...

YOU'RE TOO SLOW!

ER... NO, NOTHING...

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING...?

THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET OFF AND RUN INSTEAD. *GRUMBLE* GRUMBLE.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY!? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW FAST THE LEADING RACERS ARE GOING!? THEY'RE WELL OVER 400 KILOMETERS AN HOUR!



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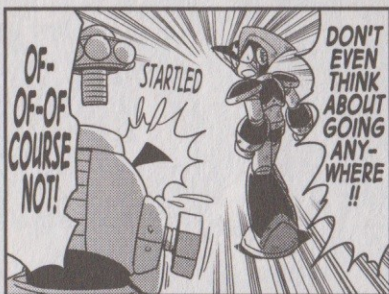
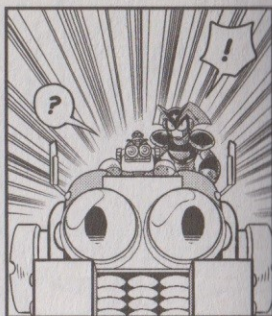
IT DOESN'T MATTER... HE WAS IN AN ACCIDENT.

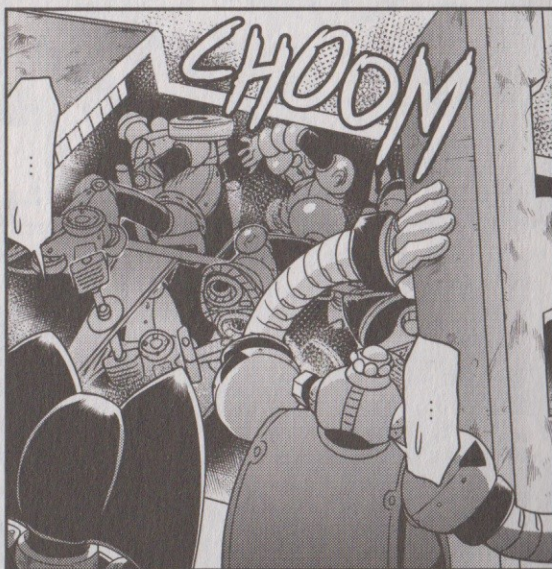
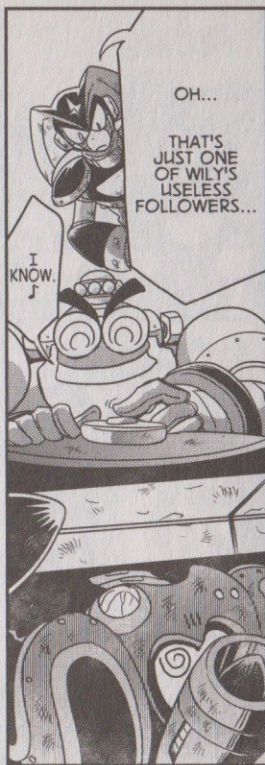
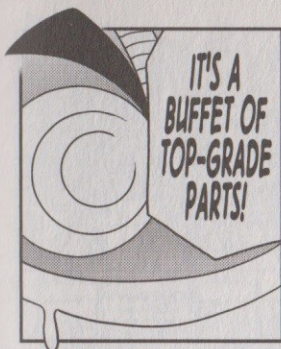
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT TREBLE? HE'S A WOLF, NOT A DOG.

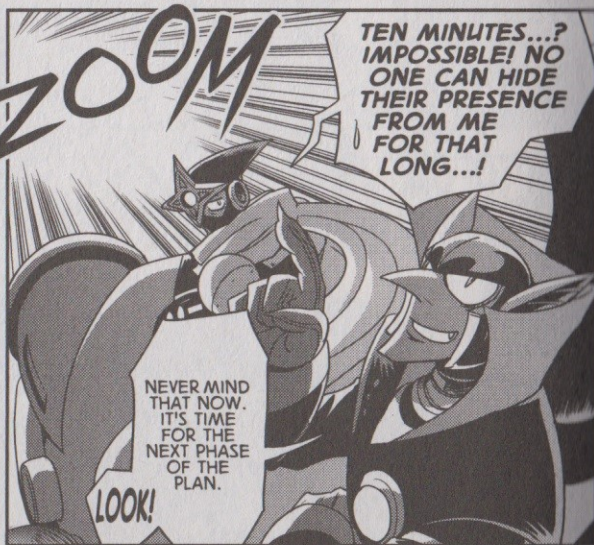
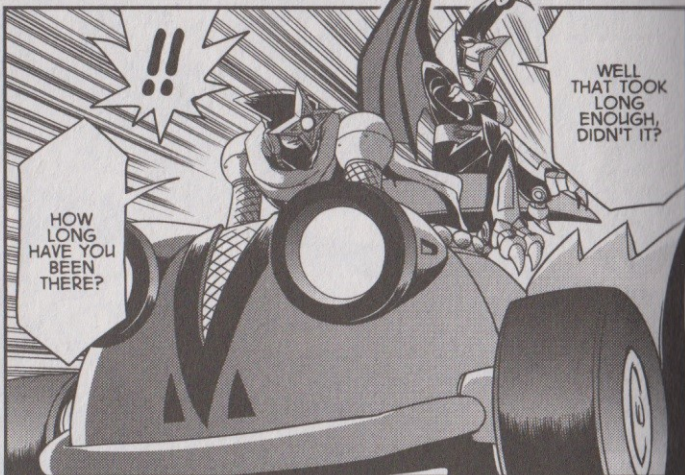
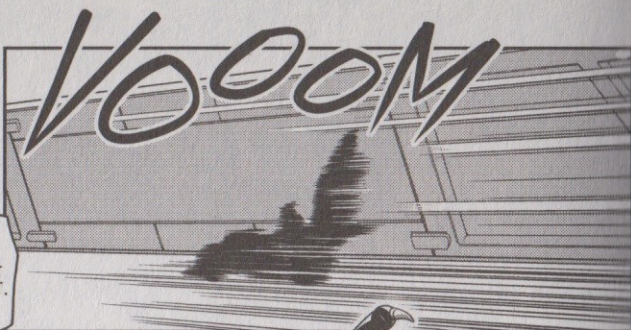
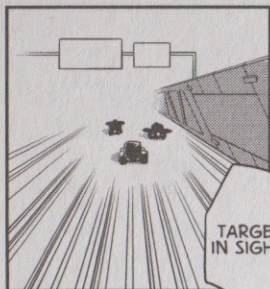
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR DOG?

YOU COULD FLY REALLY FAST IF YOU MERGED WITH YOUR DOG!

AT LEAST THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE TO SIT HERE BEING PUNCHED THE WHOLE WAY.







BOOM

**BLOW,
WIND**
...

**STORM, I
SUMMON
THEE!!**

FLASH

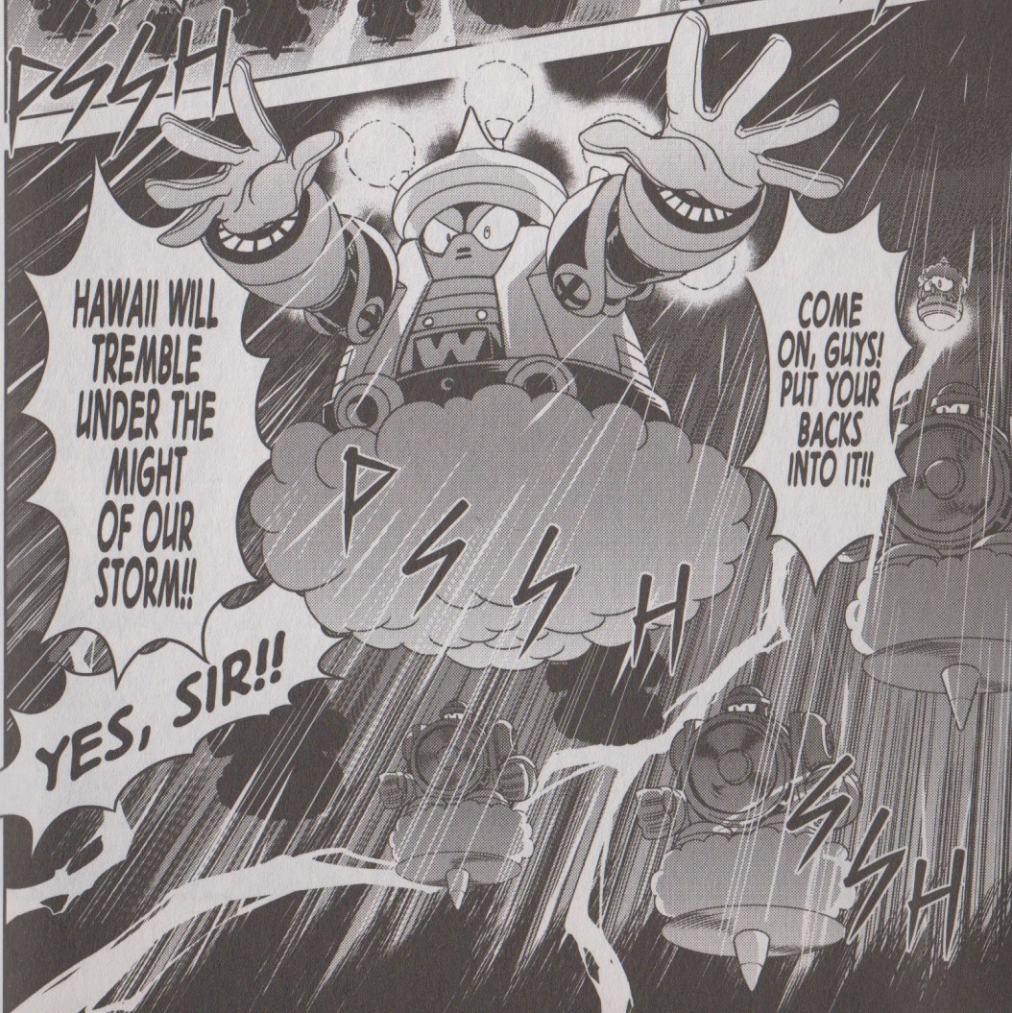
FLASH

FLASH

**HAWAII WILL
TREMBLE
UNDER THE
MIGHT
OF OUR
STORM!!**

**COME
ON, GUYS!
PUT YOUR
BACKS
INTO IT!!**

YES, SIR!!





THE OTHER
RACERS WON'T
BE ABLE TO
DRIVE IN THIS
WEATHER! DR.
WILY'S VICTORY
HAS BEEN
SEALED!!



NOW
THERE'S
NOTHING
TO STOP
ME FROM
CLAIMING MY
VICTORY!!

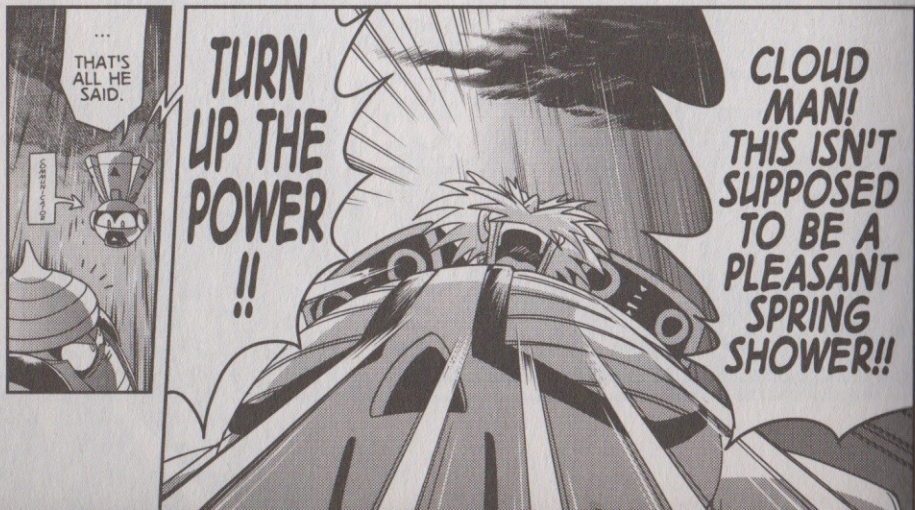
YES! THIS
WAS MY
SECRET
WEAPON!

DID HE
JUST CALL
IT "A
SPRINKLING
OF
RAIN...?"

IT'S
BASICALLY
A SUDDEN
SPRINKLING
OF RAIN
ACCOMPA-
NIED BY
STRONG
WINDS.

WHAT'S A
"SQUALL"
...?

WHAT'S
THIS? LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
ABOUT TO
EXPERIENCE
ONE OF
HAWAII'S
FAMOUS
SQUALLS!!



THAT'S
ALL HE
SAID.

TURN
UP THE
POWER
!!

CLOUD
MAN!
THIS ISN'T
SUPPOSED
TO BE A
PLEASANT
SPRING
SHOWER!!

WHOA!!

YOU
HEARD
HIM,
BOYS!
CRANK
IT UP!!

WE'LL
HAVE TO
SLOW DOWN
AND RELY
ON THE
NAVIGATOR
TO GUIDE US
THROUGH
THE STORM!

I CAN'T
SEE
ANYTHING
IN FRONT
OF ME...

WE'VE ALSO
HAD A FEW
LIGHTNING
STRIKES, AND
THEY HAVE
CLAIMED SIX
VEHICLES
THAT WE
KNOW OF!

BOOM

THIS IS
RIPOT, IN THE
FIELD! THE RAIN IS
COMING DOWN
PRETTY HARD
NOW!!

I...

I DON'T
THINK I
CAN STAY
HERE ANYM--

AAH!!

THIS
ISN'T JUST
A LIGHT
SPRINKLE
ANYMORE,
FOLKS!!

OH MY
GOSH!

YES
SIR!

HA HA

IT WAS
EASY FOR
THEM TO
CONJURE
UP A
DEVA-
STATING
STORM OR TWO.

OF COURSE
IT IS! MY
CREATIONS
ARE THE
BEST AT
WHAT THEY
DO!!

IT
WOULD
SEEM
THAT
WAY...

THIS
IS A FULL
SCALE
STORM!
A BIG
ONE!!

HUH?

WHAT!?

H M M...

BUT OUR
RATINGS...

WE CAN'T,
IN GOOD
CONSCIENCE,
CONTINUE
THE RACE
IN THIS
WEATHER.
I THINK
WE SHOULD
CALL IT
OFF.

**FOOL!
IT'S TOO
MUCH!!
SHUT IT
DOWN
RIGHT
NOW!!**

HUH?

BUT... WE
WORKED
SO HARD
TO...

SSHH

YES,
DR. WILY?
HOW DO
YOU LIKE
OUR
STORM?

WE'RE UP
TO 200%
OUTPUT
LEVEL!
I KNEW
YOU'D
BE PROUD
OF US!!

PRODUCE A STORM SMALL ENOUGH THAT THE RACE WON'T GET CANCELED, BUT BIG ENOUGH TO ELIMINATE THE OTHER RACERS!

IF THE RACE IS CALLED OFF, I WON'T GET THE PRIZE MONEY!

WASN'T THE WHOLE POINT OF THE PLAN TO USE THE STORM AS A COVER AND DESTROY ALL OF THE RACERS WHILE MAKING IT SEEM LIKE A NATURAL DISASTER? WHAT ABOUT MEGA MAN? WE HAVEN'T STRUCK HIM WITH LIGHTNING YET...



WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

THE SECOND GROUP HAS MADE IT THROUGH THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AND IS BACK ON THE WORLD BRIDGE!

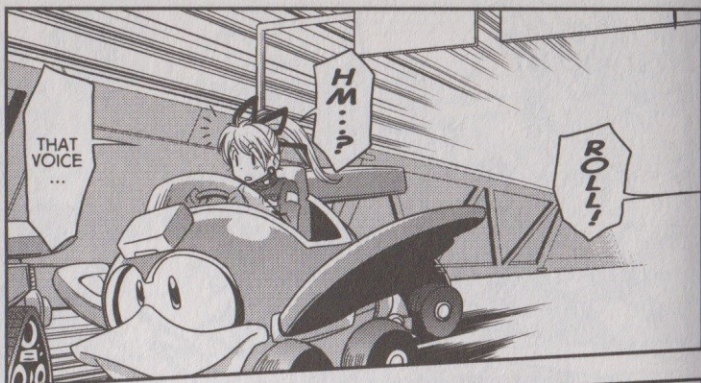
WELL, THE SUDDEN CHANGE IN WEATHER WIPED OUT A NUMBER OF RACERS, SO WE'RE DOWN TO JUST A HANDFUL OF FINALISTS NOW!

SEE? I TOLD YOU IT WAS JUST A SQUALL.



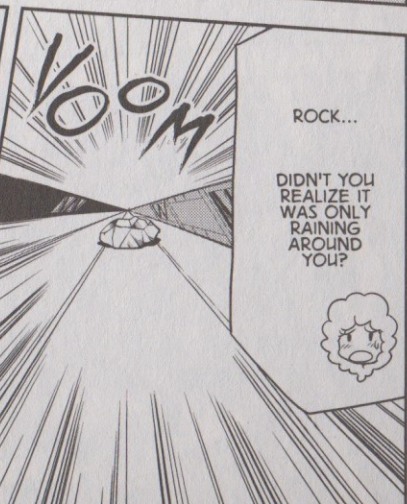
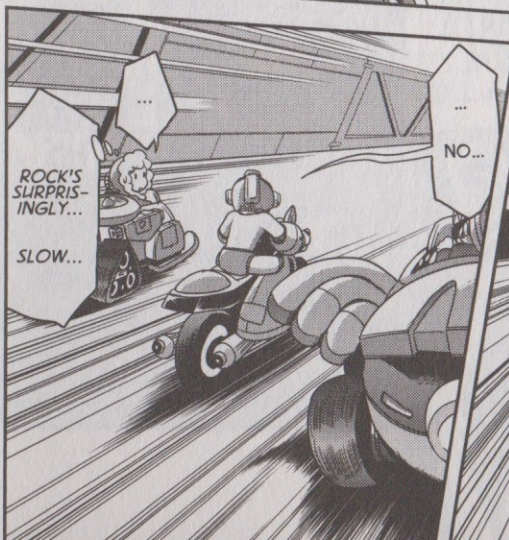
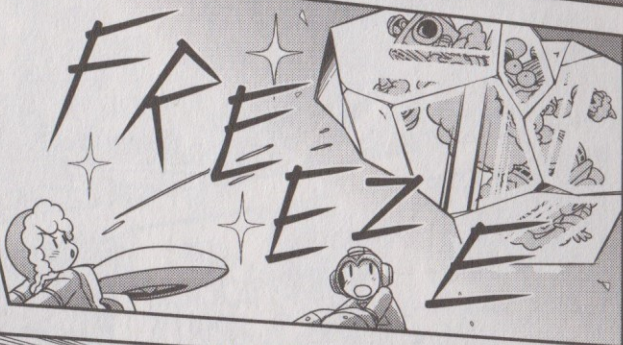
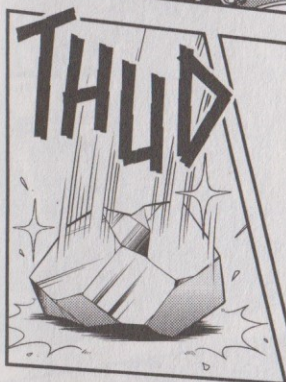
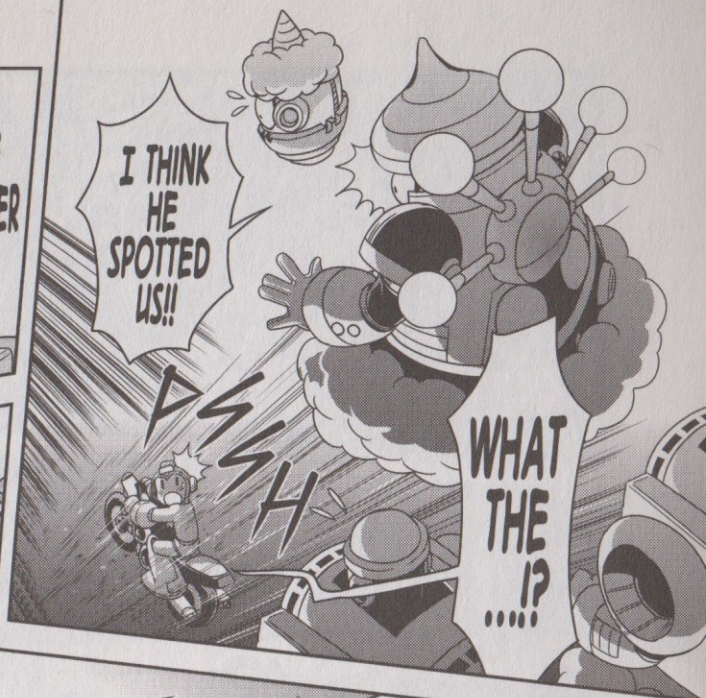
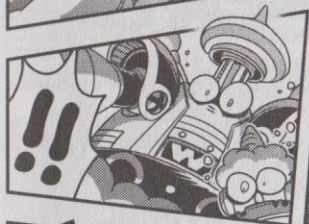
LOOK! THE RAIN HAS STOPPED!!

GLEEM





ICE
SLASHER
!!





I KNOW
YOU'LL BE
IMPRESSED!

YOU
JUST
WATCH,
ROCK! THIS
BATTLE &
CHASE IS
MY CHANCE
TO SHOW
YOU WHAT
I CAN DO!!



IF YOU'RE
ONLY
CATCHING
UP TO US
NOW, IT
MUST MEAN
I'M A LOT
FASTER
THAN YOU!

I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
WERE IN THE
RACE TOO,
ROCK! WHY
DIDN'T YOU
TELL ME?



HUH?

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH MY
POP'N
BEAT?

I CAN'T
TELL HER
ABOUT
THE
BOMB!

WAIT...

IT'S YOUR
VEHICLE...!

THAT
DOESN'T
MATTER,
ROLL!

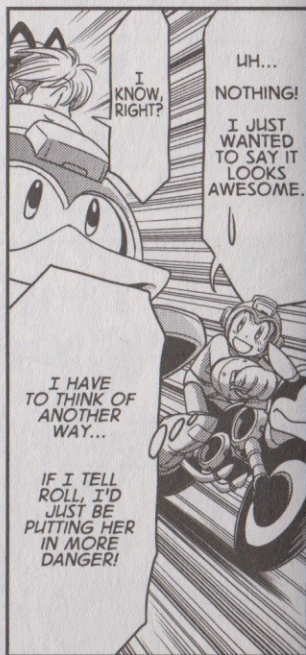


DR.
COSSACK
BUILT
THAT FOR
YOU!?



GIGGLE...

I USED BEAT
AS A BASE
AND HAD
DR. COSSACK
BUILD IT
FOR ME.



I
KNOW,
RIGHT?

UH...
NOTHING!

I JUST
WANTED
TO SAY IT
LOOKS
AWESOME.



OH?
WELL... IF
DR. LIGHT
SAYS IT'S
OKAY,
THEN I
SUPPOSE
I COULD
HELP...

THEY
LIED TO
HIM.

PLEASEE?

YEP.

HE WAS
MORE THAN
HAPPY TO
HELP WHEN
KALINKA AND
I ASKED
HIM.

I HAVE
TO THINK OF
ANOTHER
WAY...

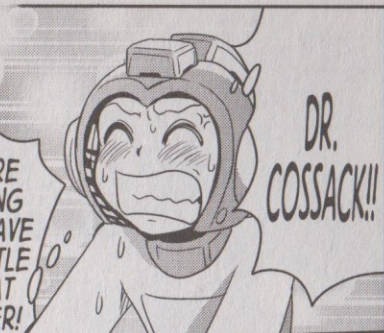
IF I TELL
ROLL, I'D
JUST BE
PUTTING HER
IN MORE
DANGER!



THERE
MUST BE
SOME WAY
FOR ME TO
REMOVE
THE BOMB
WITHOUT
SETTING
IT OFF...
BUT I HAVE
NO IDEA
WHERE
THEY PUT
IT...



WE'RE
GOING
TO HAVE
A LITTLE
CHAT
LATER!



DR.
COSSACK!!



I'M
SORRY,
ROLL!
I HAVE
TO WIN
THIS
RACE!!

ROCK!!



I
HAVE
NO
CHOICE!
...!



ROCK...?

SORRY...

I, UH...

NOT TO
MENTION
THEY
MIGHT
ACTIVATE
IT IF THEY
SEE ME
TRYING TO
REACH
IT...



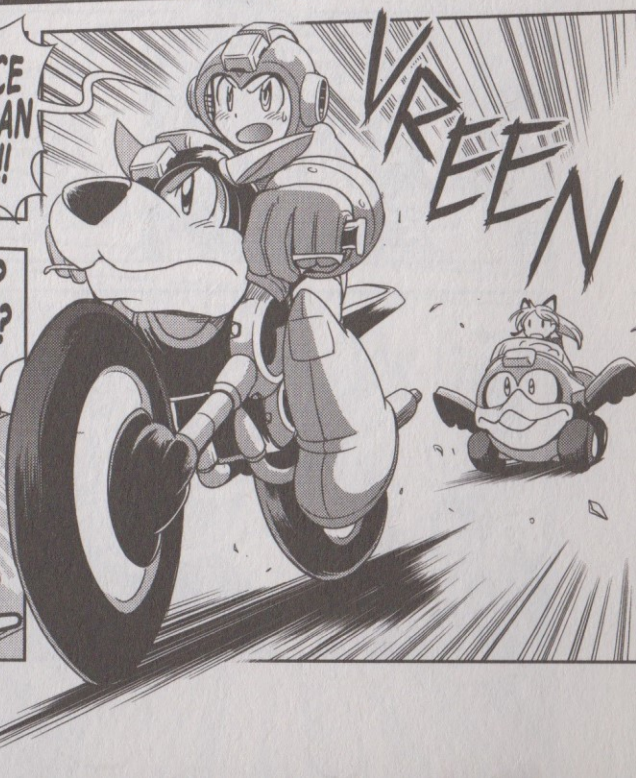
ICE
MAN
!!



HUH?
WHAI?

YOU'RE
COPYING
MY
WEAPON!?

EEEE
RRRTT



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HE'S
QUICKLY
CATCHING
UP TO THE
LEADING
RACERS!!

WOW,
LOOK AT
THAT! MEGA
MAN HAS
JUST GAINED
AN EXTRA
BURST OF
SPEED!

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WHAT
THE
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SO
THESE
GUYS
ARE WILY
ROBOTS
AFTER
ALL....!!

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**AND I'M
BURST
MAN!!**

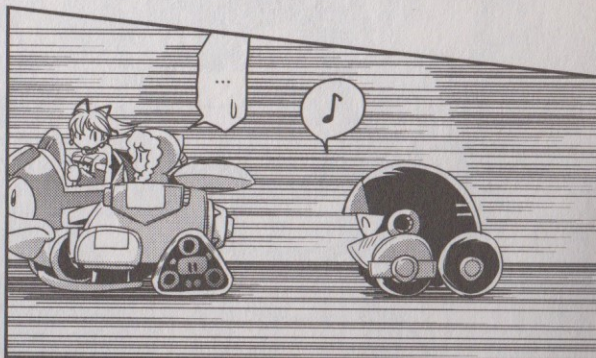
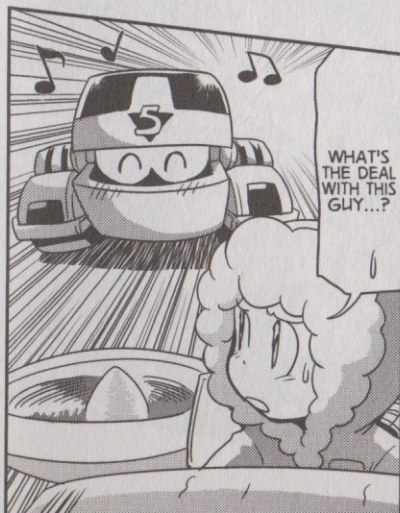
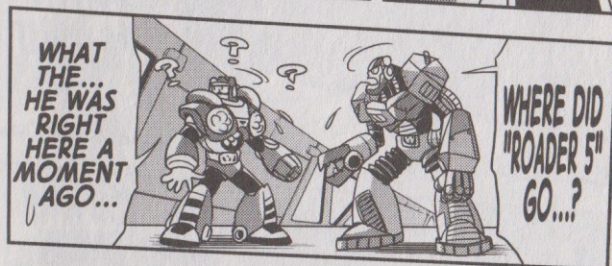
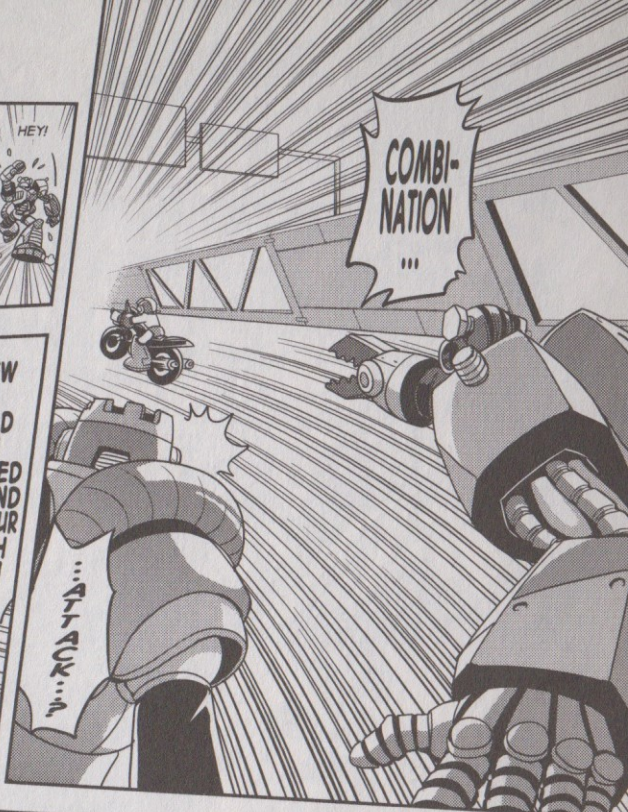
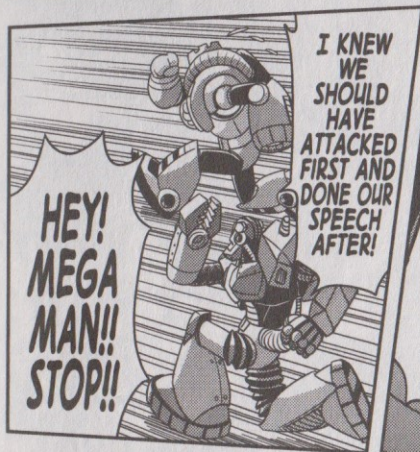
**I AM
LORD
JUNK
MAN!!**

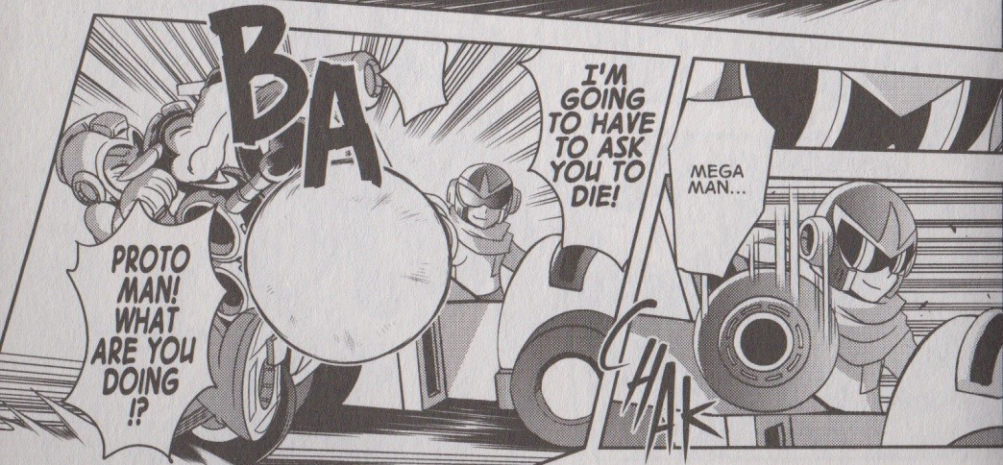
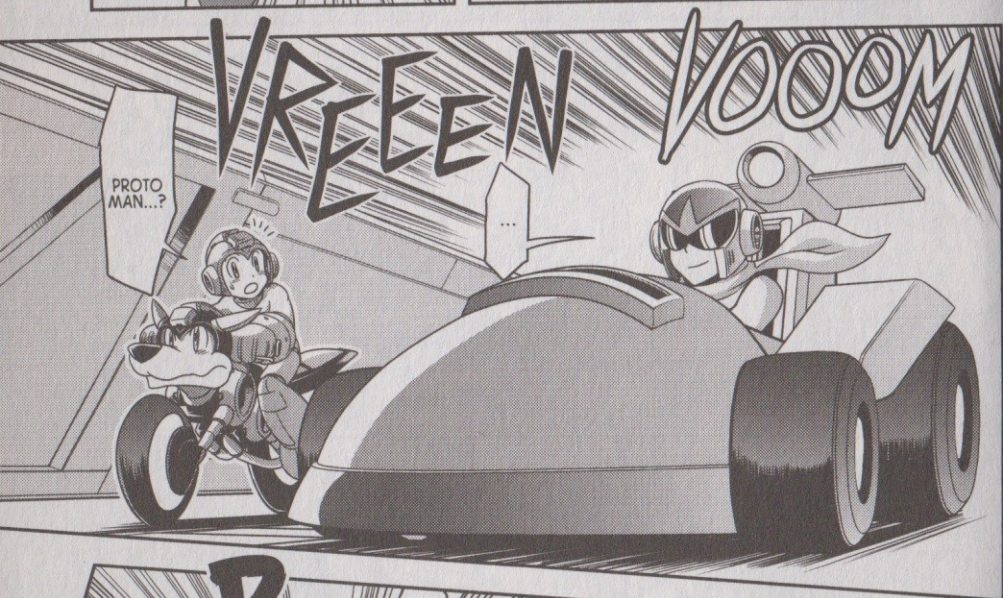
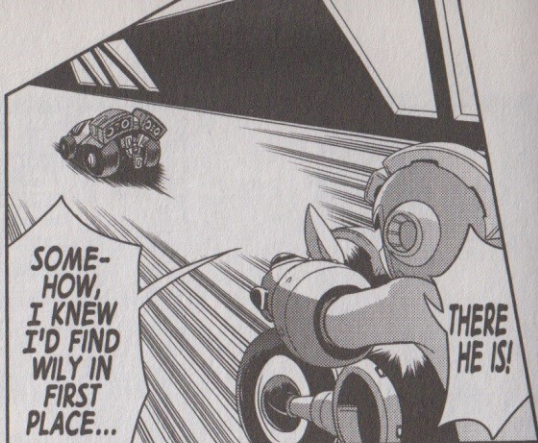


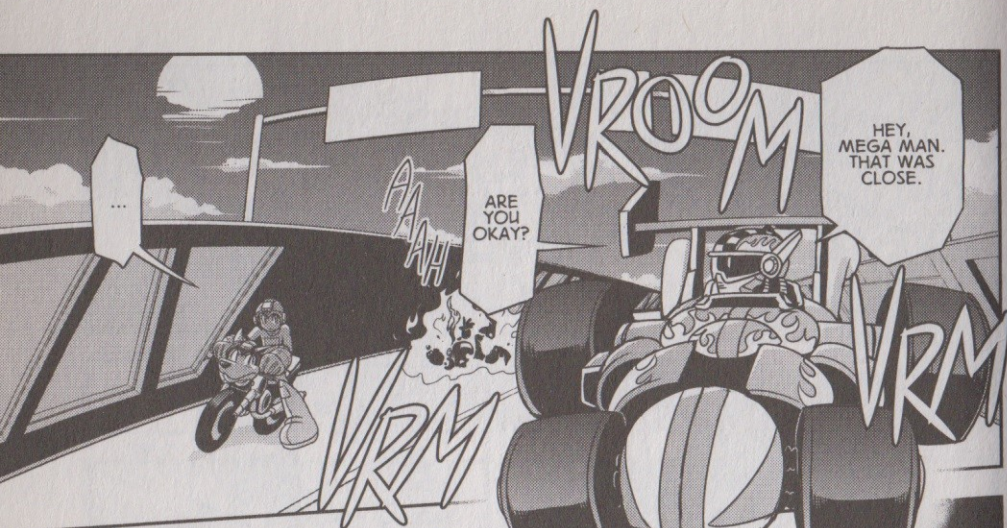
**CAN
YOU
WITHSTAND
OUR...**



**YOU HAVE
FALLEN
INTO OUR
TRAP, MEGA
MAN!**







HEY,
MEGA MAN.
THAT WAS
CLOSE.

ARE
YOU
OKAY?

THERE'S
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT
NOW. WE
CAN FOCUS
ON THE
RACE.

WHAT'S
WRONG?
WHY ARE
YOU
LOOKING
AT ME
LIKE
THAT?

TURBO
MAN...

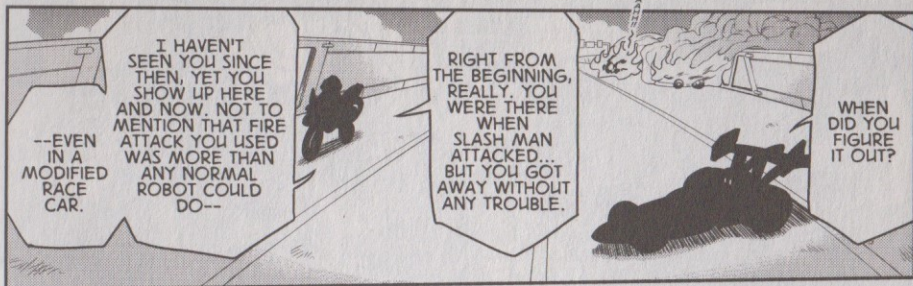
I KNOW
WHO YOU
ARE.

YOU'RE A
COMBAT
ROBOT...

CREATED
BY WILY!

...
SIGH
...

I GUESS
YOU'VE...
FIGURED
IT OUT?

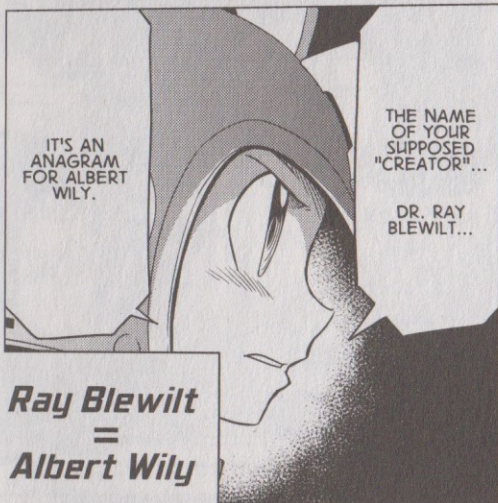


--EVEN
IN A
MODIFIED
RACE
CAR.

I HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU SINCE
THEN. YET YOU
SHOW UP HERE
AND NOW, NOT TO
MENTION THAT FIRE
ATTACK YOU USED
WAS MORE THAN
ANY NORMAL
ROBOT COULD
DO--

RIGHT FROM
THE BEGINNING,
REALLY. YOU
WERE THERE
WHEN
SLASH MAN
ATTACKED...
BUT YOU GOT
AWAY WITHOUT
ANY TROUBLE.

WHEN
DID YOU
FIGURE
IT OUT?

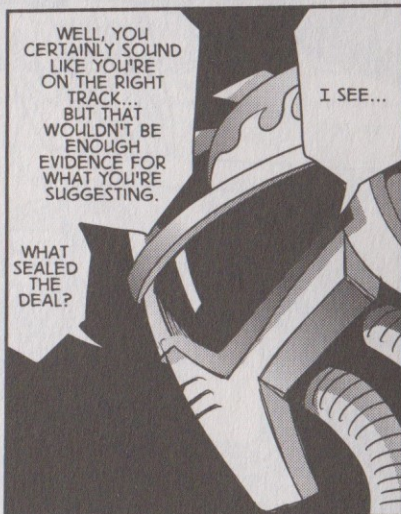


IT'S AN
ANAGRAM
FOR ALBERT
WILY.

THE NAME
OF YOUR
SUPPOSED
"CREATOR"...

DR. RAY
BLEWILT...

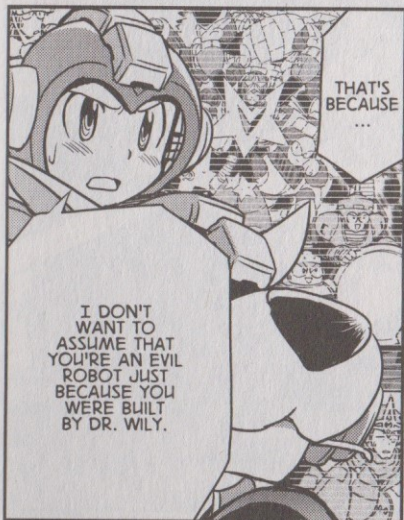
Ray Blewilt
=
Albert Wily



WELL, YOU
CERTAINLY SOUND
LIKE YOU'RE
ON THE RIGHT
TRACK...
BUT THAT
WOULDN'T BE
ENOUGH
EVIDENCE FOR
WHAT YOU'RE
SUGGESTING.

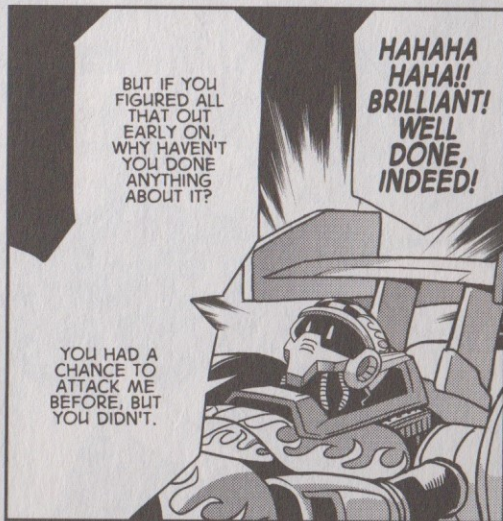
I SEE...

WHAT
SEALED
THE
DEAL?



THAT'S
BECAUSE
...

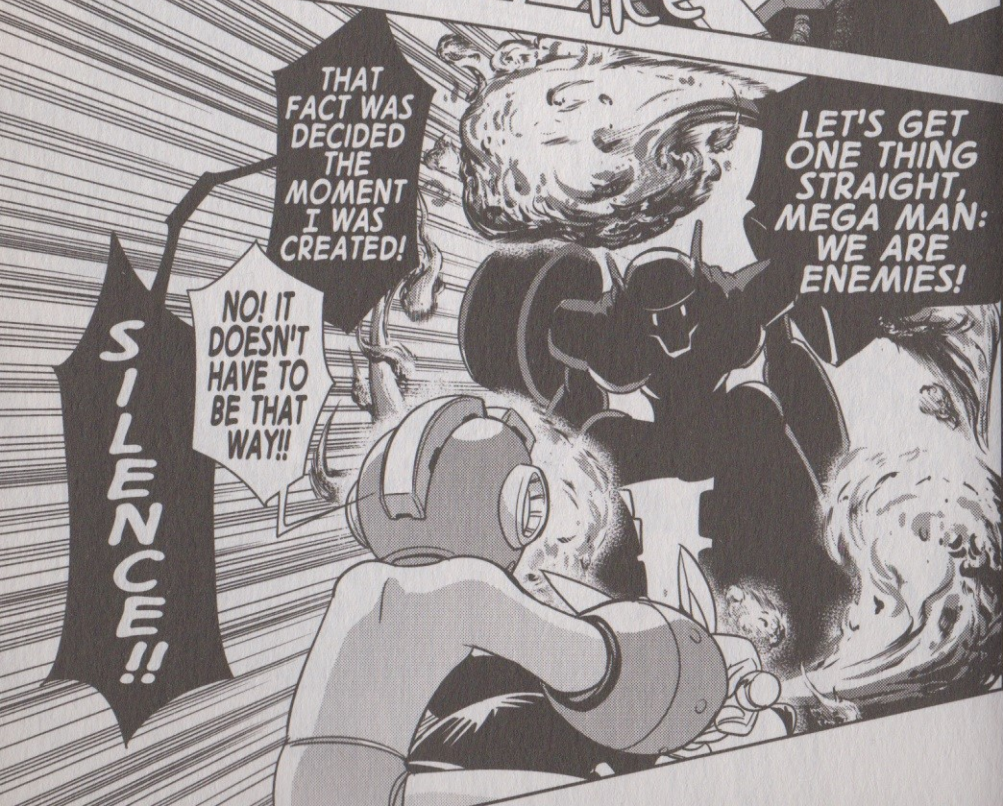
I DON'T
WANT TO
ASSUME THAT
YOU'RE AN EVIL
ROBOT JUST
BECAUSE YOU
WERE BUILT
BY DR. WILY.

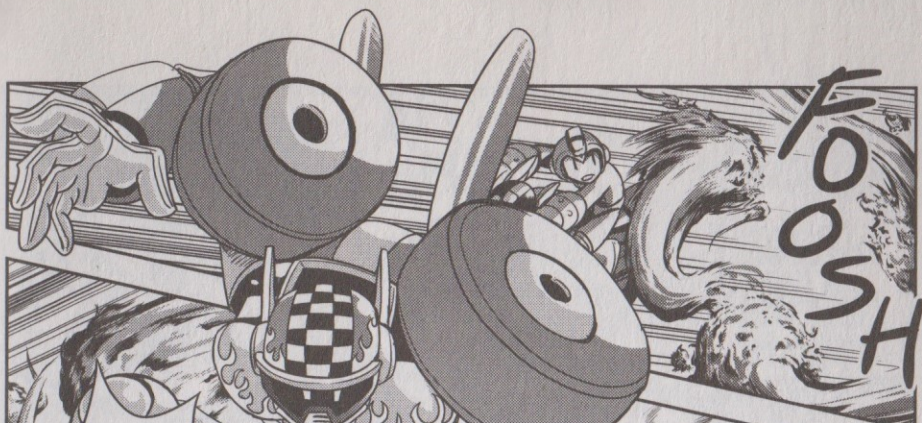


BUT IF YOU
FIGURED ALL
THAT OUT
EARLY ON,
WHY HAVEN'T
YOU DONE
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT?

**HAAAA
HAHA!!
BRILLIANT!
WELL
DONE,
INDEED!**

YOU HAD A
CHANCE TO
ATTACK ME
BEFORE, BUT
YOU DIDN'T.





THIS
IS MY
TRUE
FORM
!!

BUT
AREN'T YOU
FORGETTING
SOMETHING?

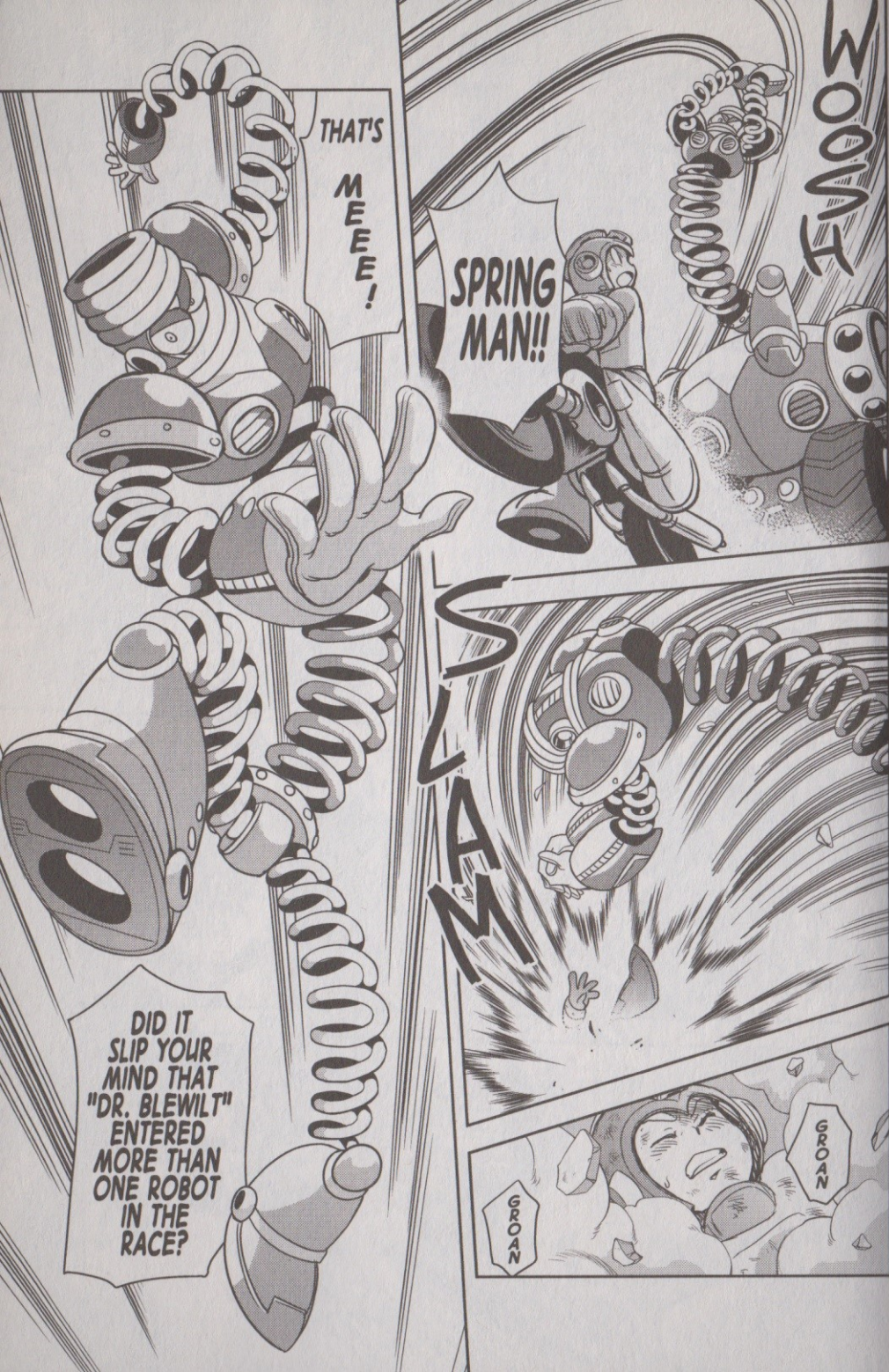
...

OR
SOMEONE?

I SEE YOU
DODGED
MY
FLAMES

...
NOT
BAD.

!!



THAT'S
MEE!

SPRING
MAN!!

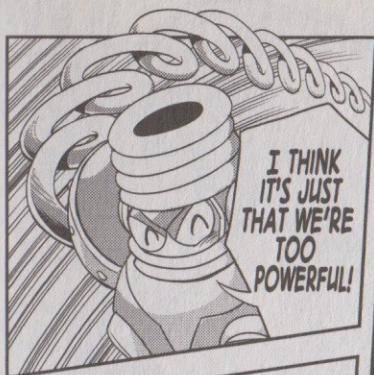
WOOF

SLAM

DID IT
SLIP YOUR
MIND THAT
"DR. BLEWILT"
ENTERED
MORE THAN
ONE ROBOT
IN THE
RACE?

GROAN

GROAN



I THINK
IT'S JUST
THAT WE'RE
TOO
POWERFUL!



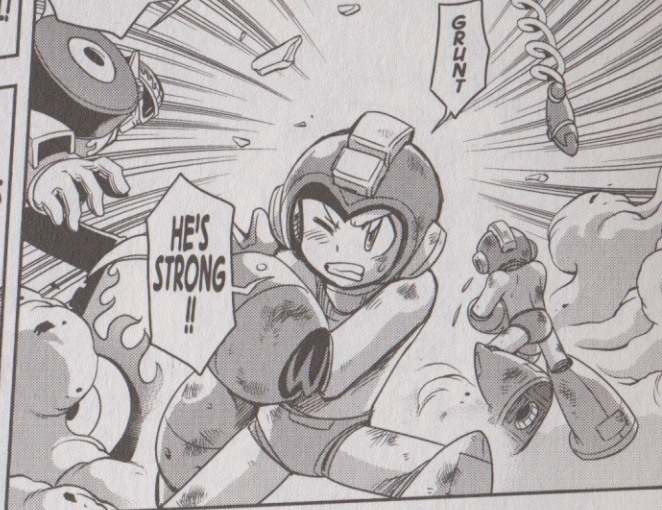
I SUPPOSE
YOU'RE
RIGHT. LET'S
FINISH
HIM OFF!



H M...

HEH
HEH
HEH...

MEGA
MAN'S NOT
AS TOUGH
AS THEY
SAID HE'D
BE.



GRUNT

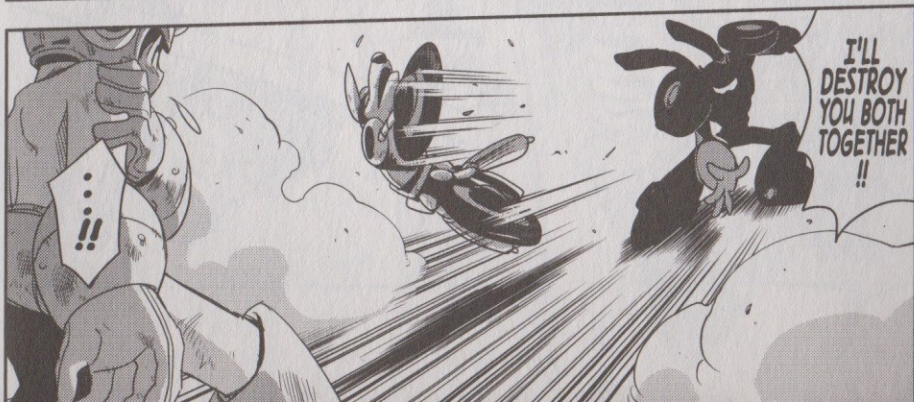
HE'S
STRONG
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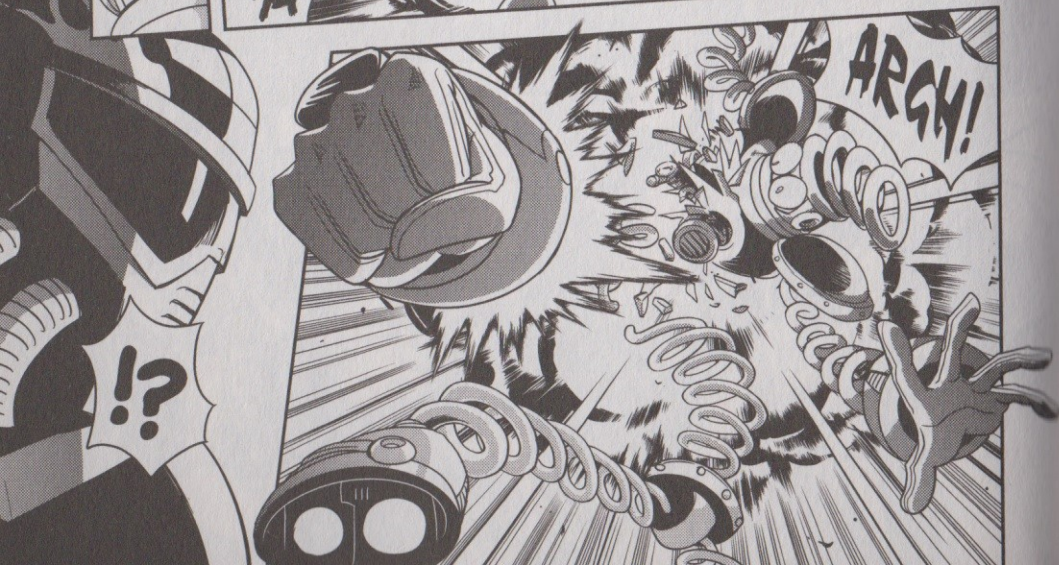
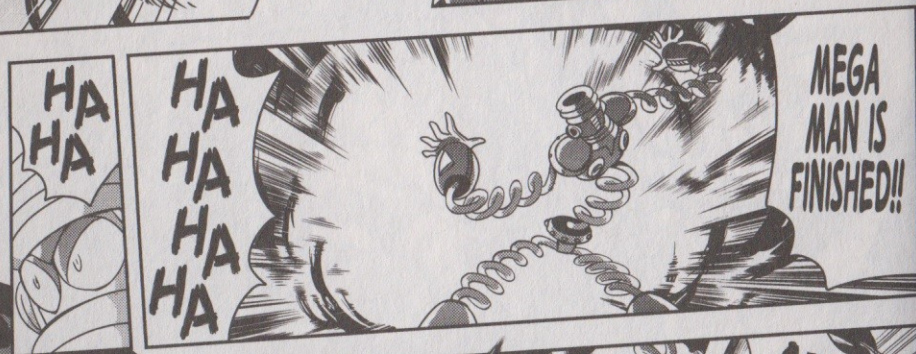
AS AN
ACT OF
MERCY...



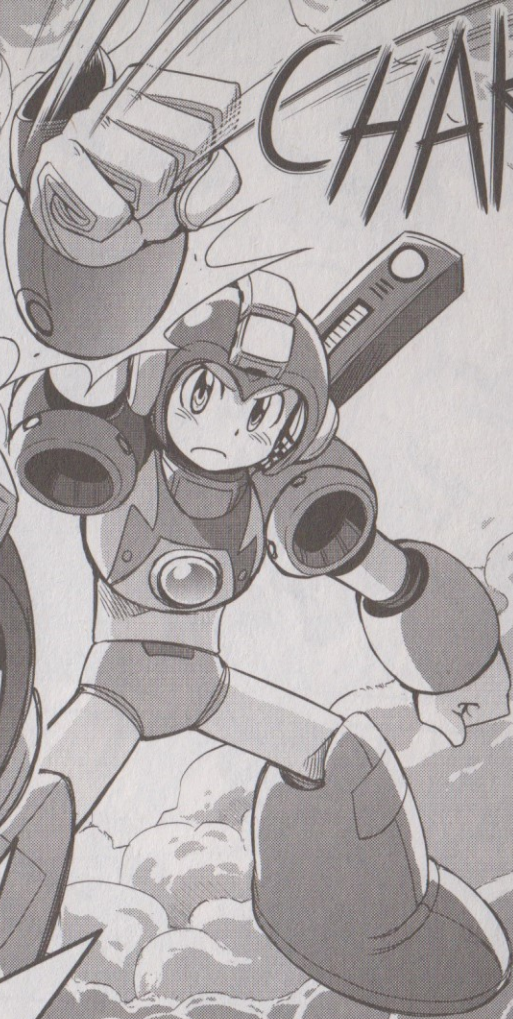
HEH HEH HEH...
IT MUST BE
TERRIBLE FOR
YOU TO HAVE TO
WATCH YOUR
MASTER DIE,
UNABLE TO DO
ANYTHING TO
SAVE HIM.



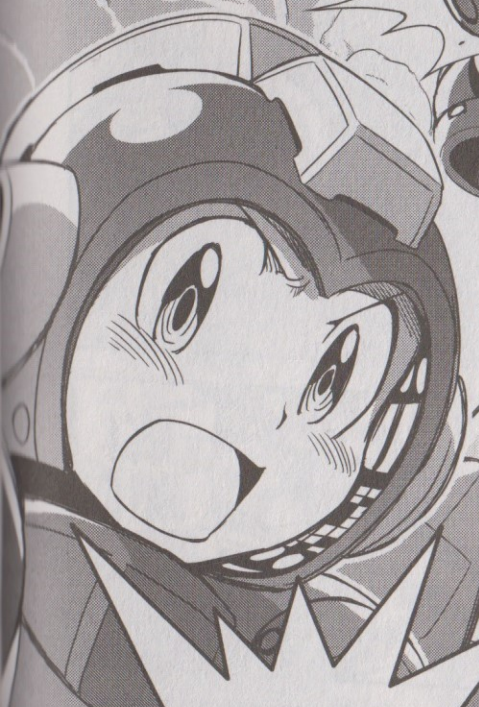
I'LL
DESTROY
YOU BOTH
TOGETHER
!!



CHIK CHAK



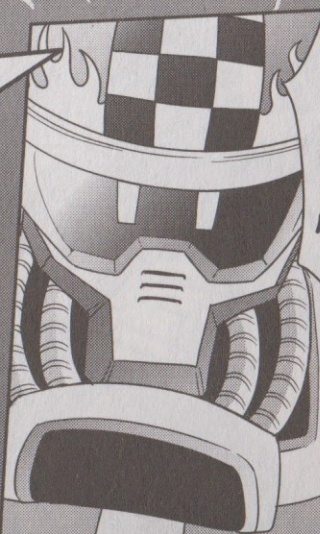
**I AM
SUPER
MEGA
MAN!!**

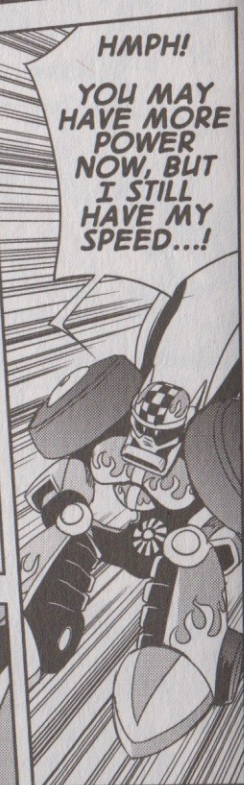
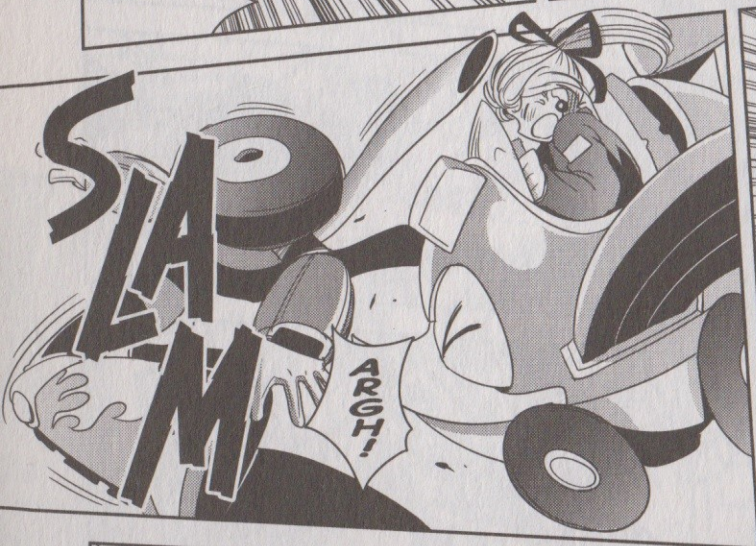
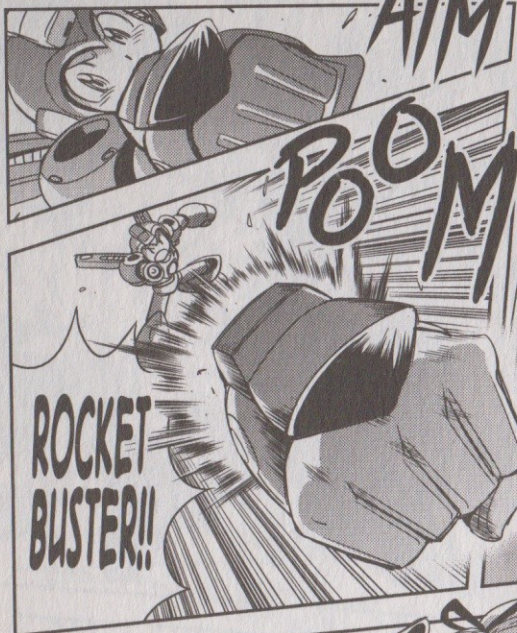


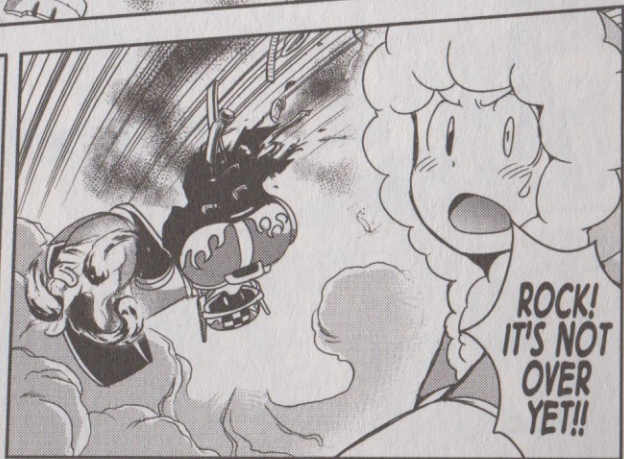
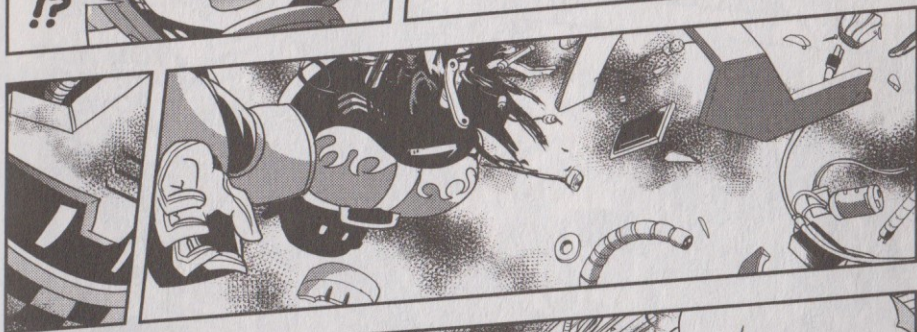
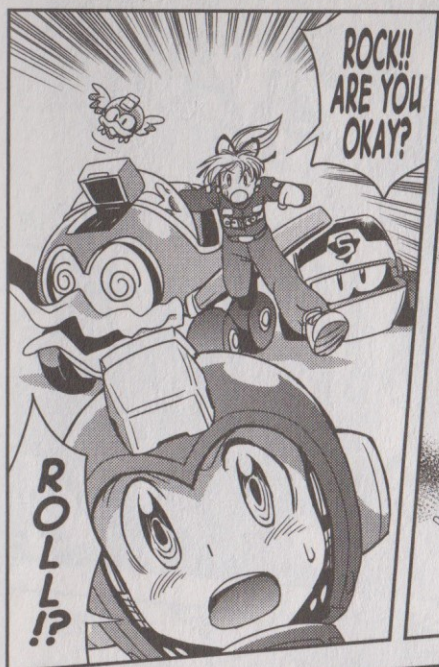
**WHAT'S
GOING
ON...?**

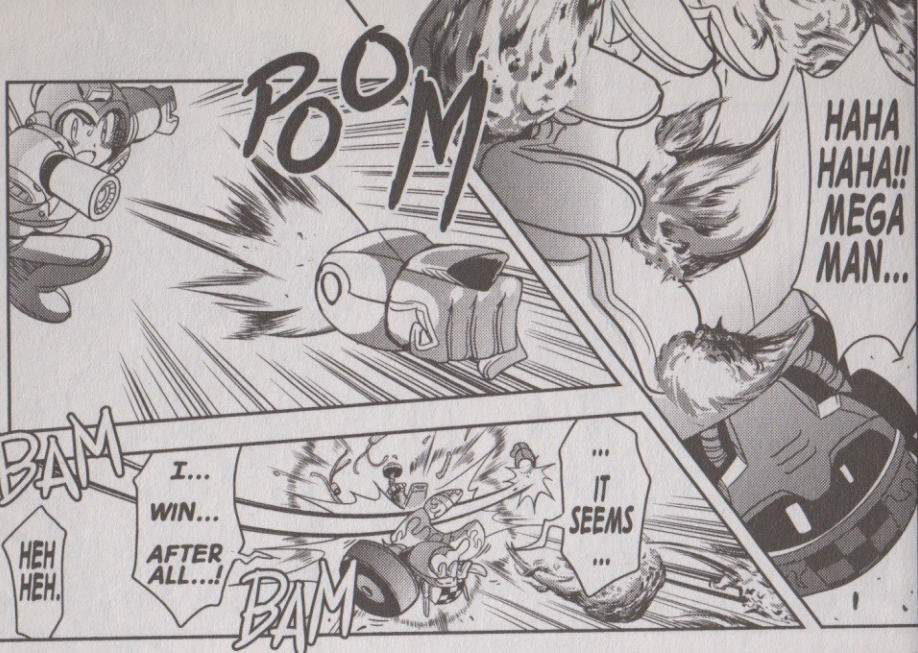
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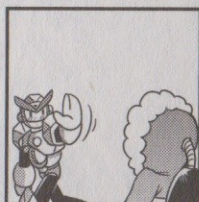
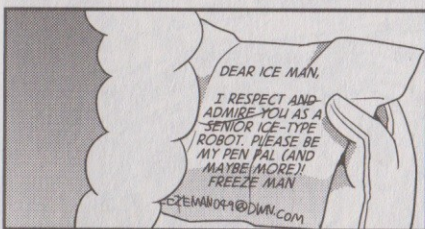
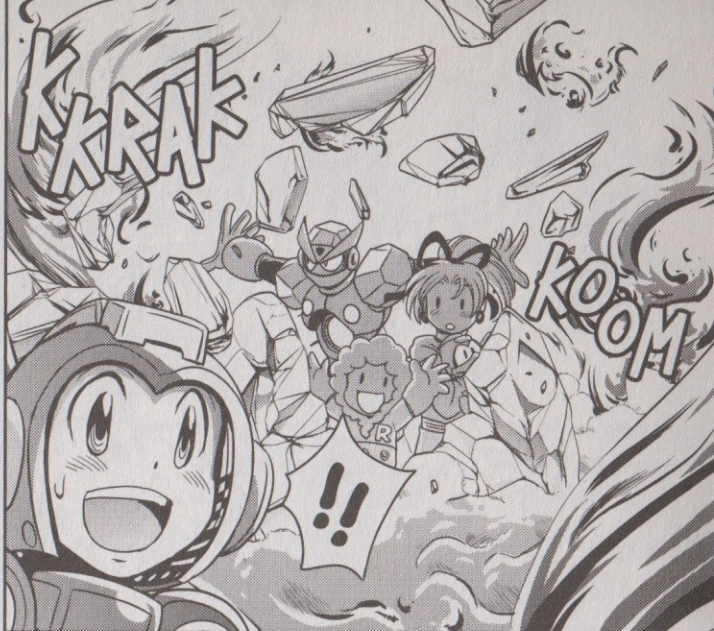
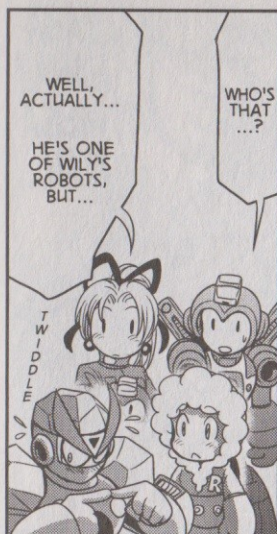
**TRANS-
FORMED
...!?**

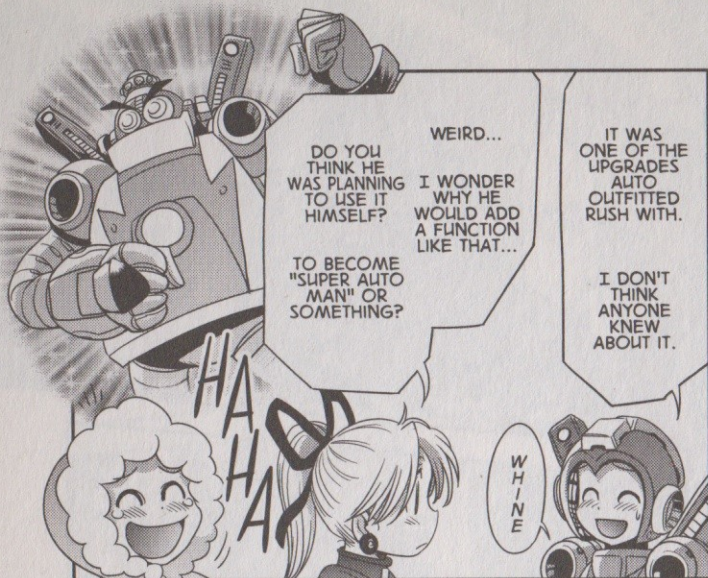












DO YOU THINK HE WAS PLANNING TO USE IT HIMSELF?

WEIRD...

I WONDER WHY HE WOULD ADD A FUNCTION LIKE THAT...

TO BECOME "SUPER AUTO MAN" OR SOMETHING?

IT WAS ONE OF THE UPGRADES AUTO OUTFITTED RUSH WITH.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE KNEW ABOUT IT.

WHINE

BY THE WAY, ROCK...

WHAT'S WITH THE NEW ARMOR?

OH...

UH...

APPARENTLY, I'M SUPER MEGA MAN NOW.



STILL...

YOU WERE PRETTY AWESOME OUT THERE.



ROLL! DON'T EVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS AGAIN!!



AT ANY RATE...

ALL OF OUR VEHICLES ARE BROKEN, SO I GUESS THE RACE IS OFFICIALLY OVER FOR US.

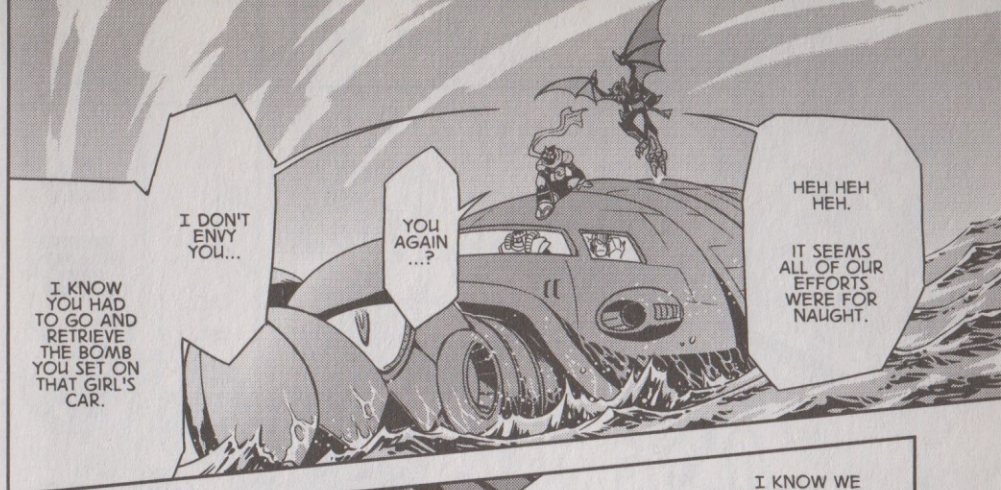
I TOTALLY COULD HAVE BEAT ROCK, TOO.

DON'T TELL ME WE HAVE TO WALK ALL THE WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO?

LET'S GO HOME!

HOW? WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO RIDE.





I KNOW YOU HAD TO GO AND RETRIEVE THE BOMB YOU SET ON THAT GIRL'S CAR.

I DON'T ENVY YOU...

YOU AGAIN ...?

HEH HEH HEH.

IT SEEMS ALL OF OUR EFFORTS WERE FOR NAUGHT.



...
HE IS A COMPLEX MAN, ISN'T HE...?

I BELIEVE HIS WORDS WERE, "SHE MAY BE ONE OF LIGHT'S CREATIONS, BUT SHE IS JUST AN INNOCENT GIRL, AND I DON'T WANT HER GETTING HURT."

I KNOW WE HAD TO USE A REAL BOMB IN ORDER TO GIVE THE THREAT ENOUGH WEIGHT TO BE EFFECTIVE, BUT...

I WAS QUITE SURPRISED WHEN OUR MASTER ORDERED YOU TO RETRIEVE IT AFTERWARD.



DO I?

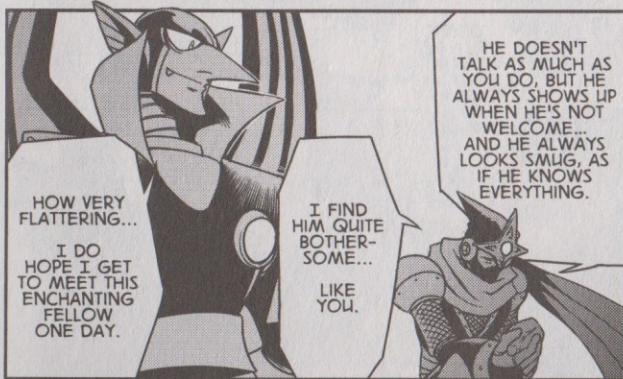
YOU REMIND ME OF SOMEONE, YOU KNOW.

YOU TALK TOO MUCH...



...
THEN AGAIN...

I SUPPOSE THAT'S WHY WE FOLLOW HIM.



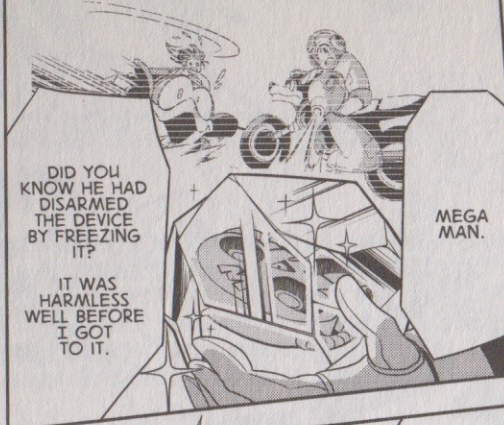
HOW VERY FLATTERING...

I DO HOPE I GET TO MEET THIS ENCHANTING FELLOW ONE DAY.

I FIND HIM QUITE BOTHERSOME...

LIKE YOU.

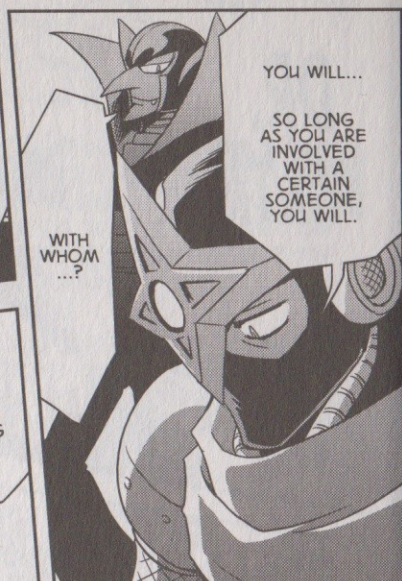
HE DOESN'T TALK AS MUCH AS YOU DO, BUT HE ALWAYS SHOWS UP WHEN HE'S NOT WELCOME... AND HE ALWAYS LOOKS SMUG, AS IF HE KNOWS EVERYTHING.



DID YOU
KNOW HE HAD
DISARMED
THE DEVICE
BY FREEZING
IT?

IT WAS
HARMLESS
WELL BEFORE
I GOT
TO IT.

MEGA
MAN.



YOU WILL...

SO LONG
AS YOU ARE
INVOLVED
WITH A
CERTAIN
SOMEONE,
YOU WILL.

WITH
WHOM
...?



I
SHALL BE
CERTAIN
NOT TO
MAKE
THAT
MISTAKE
AGAIN,
THE NEXT
TIME WE
MEET.

IT SEEMS
WE UNDER-
ESTIMATED
OUR YOUNG
FRIEND.

**Mega
Man...!**



THERE
HE IS!

THE WINNER
OF THE
RACE, AND
THE SOLE
REMAINING
RACER IS...



**DR.
WILY!!**

**IT'S
ME!!**



**THE
BONUS
PRIZE IS
100,000
YEARS IN
PRISON!**

**THERE'S
A BONUS
PRIZE!
WELL, I
CERTAINLY
DESERVE
IT!**

**HA HA
HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA
HA!**

**DR. WILY
WILL NOW BE
PRESENTED
WITH THE PRIZE
MONEY OF
100,000
DOLLARS,
AS WELL AS
A BONUS
PRIZE!!**



**I...
I STILL CAN'T
GET THIS
NECKTIE ON
PROPERLY...**

**ER...
DR. LIGHT...?**

**WE'RE
HOME!**



**BAM
GO
FASTER
!!**

**BAM
WHERE'S
MEGA
MAN!?**



**QUIET!
KEEP
WALK-
ING!!**

**N
O
O
O
O
O
O
O
O
!!**

GUEST COMMENT

HONESTLY, YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE LIFE WILL LEAD YOU, OR WHAT IT HAS IN STORE FOR YOU NEXT. I NEVER WOULD HAVE DREAMED THAT I'D ONE DAY NOT ONLY GET TO MEET THE ARTIST BEHIND ONE OF MY FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MANGAS (I STILL HAVE THE PAGES THAT I CUT OUT OF MY BONBON ISSUES), BUT ALSO GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MY ILLUSTRATION INCLUDED IN ONE OF HIS MANGA BOOKS.

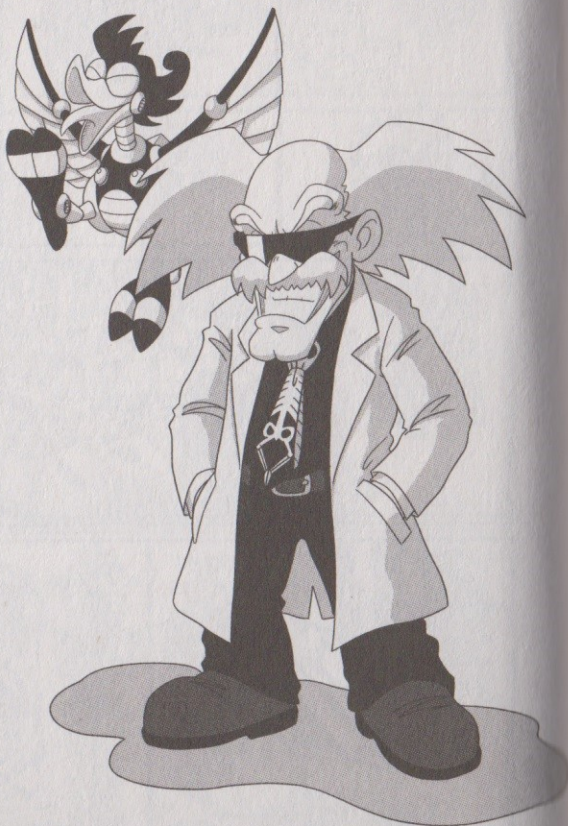
WHEN YOU TOLD ME THE SUBJECT OF MY ILLUSTRATION HAD TO BE DR. WILY, I ADMIT I WAS A BIT TROUBLED. EVERYONE KNOWS YOU LOVE DR. WILY, AND AS IT HAPPENS, I'VE NEVER DRAWN A "DR. WILY" THAT I'VE BEEN HAPPY WITH. I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY THIS IS "A CAPCOM EMPLOYEE'S INTERPRETATION OF ARIGA'S DR. WILY." WHAT DO YOU THINK?!

I KNOW WE HAVEN'T KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR VERY LONG, HAVING ONLY MET WHEN WE WERE WORKING ON "R20"... BUT I SINCERELY HOPE THAT WE WILL GET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER ON A MEGA MAN PROJECT.

WE SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER MATCH IN BATTLE & CHASE SOMEDAY! I WANT A REMATCH FOR THE ROCKBOARD BATTLE WHERE YOU WIPED THE FLOOR WITH ME. I'LL USE THE POP'N BEAT AND LEAVE YOU IN THE DUST!!

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RYUJI HIGURASHI
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THE GIGAWATT MANGA AFTERNOON

BY: HITOSHI ARIGA

NOW LET'S
GET INTO THE
BEHIND-THE-
SCENES STUFF...

STARTING
WITH
BATTLE &
CHASE!



I AM GRATEFUL TO
EVERYONE... TO THOSE
WHO WAITED PATIENTLY
FOR ME TO RELEASE A
NEW SERIES, THOSE WHO
NEVER STOPPED SENDING
ME WORDS OF
ENCOURAGEMENT OVER
THE YEARS, AND THOSE
WHO PICKED UP ONE OF
MY BOOKS FOR THE VERY
FIRST TIME AND DECIDED
TO SEND A FEW KIND
WORDS MY WAY...
THANK YOU ALL
SO MUCH.

BOW

GROVEL



IT'S BEEN
OVER A DECADE
SINCE MEGA
MAN MEGAMIX'S
"THE GREATEST
ENEMY IN
HISTORY..."

I'M
BURNING
LIFE!

FINALLY,
I FINALLY
GOT TO
PRESENT
YOU WITH
NEW WORK!

HELLO
EVERYONE!
IT'S ME,
ARIGA!



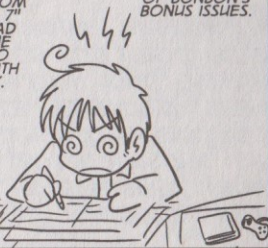
UNABLE TO
ACCEPT THIS FATE,
I CONTINUED TO
WORK ON BATTLE
& CHASE BETWEEN
OTHER JOBS.

THINGS WERE GOING
REALLY WELL WITH THE
EDITOR, AND WE EVEN
SAILED RIGHT THROUGH
CONTENT AND LAYOUT
APPROVALS... BUT THEN,
FOR GROWN-UP REASONS,
THE PROJECT WAS
UNICERHONICALLY
DUMPED BY THE ROADSIDE.
THIS SORT OF THING
HAPPENS MORE OFTEN
THAN YOU MIGHT
THINK.

WHEN "BATTLE
& CHASE" WAS
RELEASED AS
PART OF THE
PLAYSTATION'S
"THE BEST" SERIES,
I MIXED IN A FEW
ELEMENTS FROM
"MEGA MAN 7"
(WHICH I HAD
NEVER DONE
BEFORE) TO
COME UP WITH
THIS STORY.

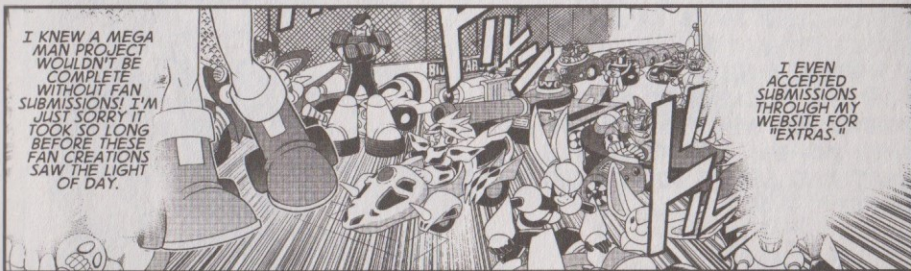
YES, IT
WAS A
REALLY
LONG
TIME
AGO!

THE BATTLE &
CHASE STORY
WAS ACTUALLY
ONE THAT I
PREPARED A
LONG TIME
AGO, FOR ONE
OF BONBON'S
BONUS ISSUES.



I KNEW A MEGA
MAN PROJECT
WOULDN'T BE
COMPLETE
WITHOUT FAN
SUBMISSIONS! I'M
JUST SORRY IT
TOOK SO LONG
BEFORE THESE
FAN CREATIONS
SAW THE LIGHT
OF DAY.

I EVEN
ACCEPTED
SUBMISSIONS
THROUGH MY
WEBSITE FOR
"EXTRAS."



I DECIDED
TO KEEP
THESE
DETAILS
UNCHANGED,
BECAUSE
I FELT IT
ADDED
ANOTHER
LAYER OF
DEPTH TO
THE WHOLE
THING.

I REDID ALL
OF THE
CHARACTERS
FOR THIS
RELEASE, BUT
I KEPT SOME
OF THE OLD
BACKGROUNDS
THAT I DREW
BACK THEN.
YOU CAN FIND
EVIDENCE OF
THAT IN SOME
OF THE SMALL
DETAILS.

THERE
WERE A
FEW TIMES
WHEN IT
LOOKED
LIKE I
WOULD GET
TO RELEASE
THE STORY
THROUGH
OTHER
MEANS,
BUT THEY
ALL FELL
THROUGH...
SO THIS
PIECE
REALLY
WAS A
LONG
TIME IN
THE
MAKING.

WE DID IT,
20-YEAR-
OLD ME...
WE FINALLY
DID IT...

TEARS

YOU COULD SAY
THIS STORY WAS A
SELF-COLLABORATION
BETWEEN THE ME IN
MY TWENTIES AND THE
ME IN MY THIRTIES.

ANYWAY,
THAT'S THE
STORY OF
BATTLE &
CHASE.

SOME
OF THE
DESIGNS
WERE SO
AMAZING
THEY WERE
REALLY
TOO GOOD
TO BE
CALLED
"EXTRAS."

SO HERE'S
A BIG THANK
YOU TO ALL
THE PEOPLE
WHO SENT
IN
SUBMIS-
SIONS
WAY BACK
THEN!

THANK
YOU!!



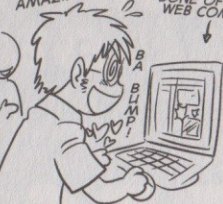
AT THE TIME,
A STREET FIGHTER III:
SECOND IMPACT HAD
JUST BEEN RELEASED.

SO WHEN IT CAME TIME TO "REVIVE" MEGAMIX IN THIS WAY, I KNEW THE BATTLE & CHASE STORY WOULDN'T BE EPIC ENOUGH AS THE FIRST CHAPTER.

"ASTEROID BLUES" WAS THE RESULT OF ME WANTING SOMETHING BIG TO REALLY SHOWCASE THE RETURN OF THE MEGAMIX STORYLINE.

WOW! THAT LOOKS AMAZING!!

WE EVEN HAD SAMPLES DONE OF THE WEB COMIC.



I'VE ACTUALLY SPOKEN ABOUT THIS DURING A FEW INTERVIEWS, BUT THERE WAS AN IDEA FOR A MEGA MAN WEB COMIC AT ONE TIME. WE FIGURED THAT IF WE COULD RELEASE 40-50 PAGES A MONTH ONLINE, WE'D BE ABLE TO BUNDLE THEM ALL UP INTO ONE MANGA BOOK FOR MEGA MAN'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

THIS WAS ACTUALLY A STORY THAT I FELT WAS MISSING FROM THE "MEGAMIX" SERIES.

NEXT, LET'S TALK ABOUT "ASTEROID BLUES."



BUT THEN AGAIN...

DUE TO GROWN-UP REASONS...

THE WEB COMIC PROJECT WAS DITCHED.

WHYYY?!



I DID A LOT OF APOLGIZING DURING THAT TIME...

PLEASE, CAN WE WAIT UNTIL I'M DONE WITH MEGAMIX?



IN FACT, THIS PROJECT WAS SO IMPORTANT TO ME THAT I ACTUALLY TURNED DOWN A NUMBER OF OFFERS FROM VARIOUS PUBLISHING COMPANIES. I HAD MORE THAN ONE CHANCE TO START AN ENTIRELY NEW SERIES, BUT I JUST COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO DO IT.

THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY THIS WEB COMIC, THE REVIVAL OF THE MEGAMIX SERIES, WAS SOMETHING THAT I HAD LONG DREAMED ABOUT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I PUT A LOT OF ENERGY INTO EVERY LITTLE DETAIL, INCLUDING THE TITLE.

WHEN I THINK I GET NOBLEBLEES



I TURNED TO MEGA MAN 3 AS A FOUNDATION. SINCE I HAD NEVER REALLY EXPLORED THAT TITLE IN MY MANGAS BEFORE, I ALSO DECIDED THAT I WANTED TO SLIGHTLY EXPAND ON PROTO MAN IN SOME WAY.

WHEN COMPARING MY NEW WORK TO THE OLD MEGAMIX STUFF, I HONESTLY THINK MY ART HAS IMPROVED.

ALL IN ALL, I THINK IT WAS BEST THAT I GOT TO FINISH IT UP NOW, AS MY DRAWING SKILLS HAVE IMPROVED QUITE A BIT.

LOOK



IT WAS A CRAZY TIME, AND SOMETIMES I WONDER IF IT ALL WASN'T JUST SOME GRAND TEST TO DETERMINE IF I REALLY WANTED TO SEE THIS THROUGH.

"DON'T DO ANYTHING YET."

"FOCUS ON IT NOW."

"WAIT, STOP."

"OKAY, GO... BUT ONLY A LITTLE."

I'VE NEVER FELT THE PRESENCE OF A GREATER POWER AT WORK MORE THAN I DID DURING THOSE TEN-ODD YEARS.



AM I READING TOO MUCH INTO IT?

LET'S MEET UP AGAIN IN GIGAMIX VOLUME 2!!

I HOPE YOU'LL STICK WITH ME THROUGH TWO MORE VOLUMES!

TO BE CONTINUED!!



BUT THE STORY'S NOT FINISHED YET!

SINCE THIS REVIVAL WAS SUCH A BIG DEAL TO ME, AND ALSO TO DIFFERENTIATE IT FROM THE OLD STUFF, I DECIDED TO RELEASE IT UNDER THE NEW NAME "GIGAMIX." I HOPE YOU LIKE IT.



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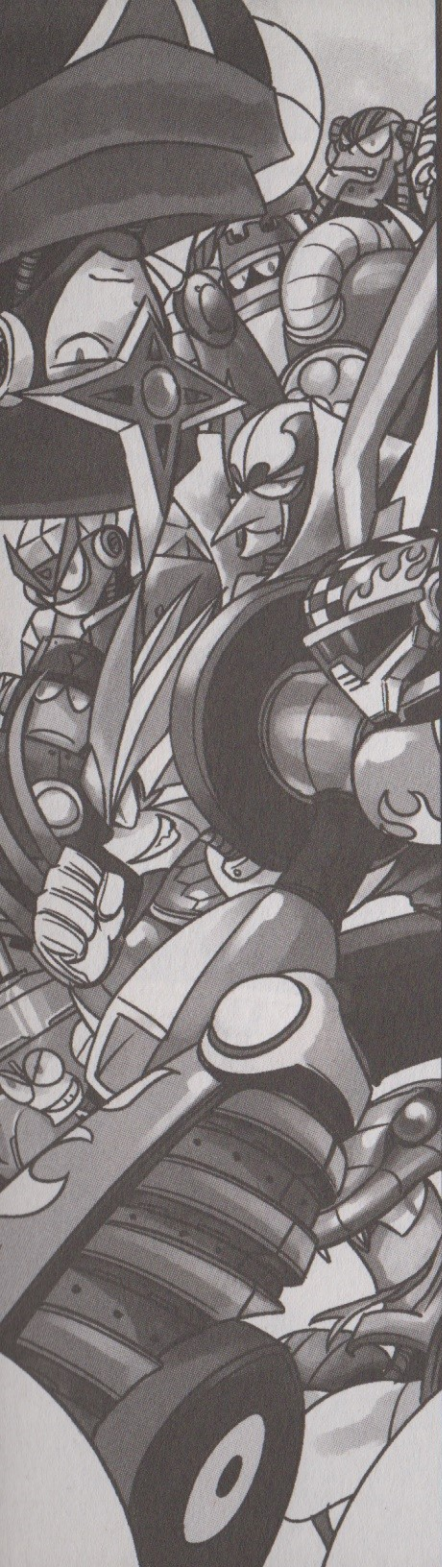
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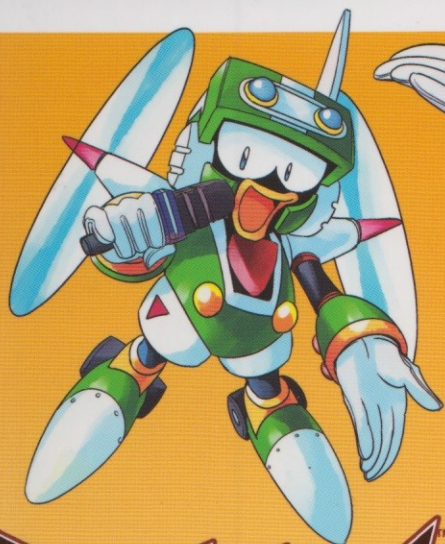


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